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## HIGHER EDUCATION

# Carnahan recommends \$20.2 million boost

Southern's share would top \$350,000

By RYAN BRONSON  
MANAGING EDITOR

Colleges around the state, including Missouri Southern, may get an unexpected gift from the Missouri legislature and Gov. Mel Carnahan.

Carnahan recommended \$20.2 million in additional higher education funding for fiscal year 1996 to the House budget committee Tuesday in Jefferson City.

Missouri Southern would re-

ceive \$281,771 in additional base funds and \$76,951 for Spiva Library to improve its interlibrary communication.

The University of Missouri stands to gain the most if the budget amendment is approved, including \$6.2 million added to its operating budget.

The original higher education budget recommendation from the governor was a 2 percent increase in unrestricted state funding for general operations.

The new plan would increase the rise in funding to 4 percent.

Chris Sifford, the governor's spokesman, said he thinks lawmakers will approve the amendment.

"I think it went pretty well," Sifford said. "We think that the changes we have made are ones that the legislature will support."

The majority of the additional funding, \$10.7 million, would be put into core operating budgets of the four-year institutions.

The amendment would also provide \$5.5 million to improve infor-

mation technology between two- and four-year colleges and universities and \$3.9 million in community college work force preparation—job-training programs that relate to the college's community.

The extra money would come from desegregation savings and better-than-expected riverboat gambling and lottery revenues.

"We have a commitment to education," Sifford said, "and we feel this furthers that commitment."

College presidents around the state have been strongly urging

more funding from the state. Dr. Julio Leon, president of Missouri Southern, said he and his constituents are constantly applying pressure for additional monies.

"Obviously it is going to be a tremendous help," Leon said. "This will allow us to do some things that we didn't think we were going to get to do."

Despite receiving additional funding, the College will not recalculate tuition and fee markups for FY '96.

"The money will be put to use," Leon said. "It's not going to the

football team or into the president's pockets."

Although Leon said he was excited about the recommendation, he said the funding still has to be approved by the General Assembly.

"I think it's kind of nice that the governor supports higher education," he said, "but there is no guarantee that we are going to get the money."

"We are going to wait a while before we decide to rethink where we want to spend our money." □

## PINBALL WIZARD



STEVE GURLEY/The Chart

Ron Fitzer, of Joplin's Coin-op, Inc., demonstrates his technical skills on a broken pinball machine in the Billingsly Student Center.

## SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

# College narrows dean search to 4

By DAN WISZKON  
ARTS EDITOR

And then there were four. Missouri Southern's search to select a new arts and sciences dean is coming down to the wire as the four finalists have scheduled campus visits.

Dr. Richard Hyslop is a professor of geography and chairman of the anthropology department at California State Polytechnic University (CSPU).

He has a law degree from the University of California-Los Angeles and a Ph.D. in social, cultural, and legal geography from the University of California-Riverside. Hyslop is a former vice president for academic affairs and coordinator of American studies at CSPU.

Hyslop, who owns a small farm with his wife in Mountain Grove, Mo., said this position is a golden opportunity for him to utilize his 25 years of teaching experience at CSPU. He said coming from a university of 18,000 to Missouri Southern's 5,000 would be a welcome change.

"Missouri is a place that is very much home to us," Hyslop said. "Southern is large enough for respectable programs and yet small enough for personal interaction between students and faculty."

Hyslop said teaching is his one true joy in life. He credits patience, his variety of experience in teaching, and a good sense of humor as tools to his success.

Hyslop said he is impressed by Southern's new concentration on international education.

"I'm really excited about this focus on the changing global realities," he said. "That has been my

career direction of my life. I've proven myself in my department and would like to translate that to Missouri Southern."

Dr. Terry B. Smith is vice president for academic affairs and a professor of political science at Peru (Neb.) State College. He is a former dean and political science professor at Northeast Missouri University, where he spent 18 years. He earned his doctorate in political science at Michigan State University.

According to Smith, his qualities include openness, a love for teaching, and respect for students.

Smith said the high academic standards Southern sets and its location sparked his interest in the position.

"I'm a positive and optimistic type of person," he said. "I can find people's strengths and invite them to grow. I've followed Southern and how it moves ahead with innovative things."

Smith, who enjoys playing handball, considers himself an energetic and student-oriented person.

"I am familiar with higher education in Missouri and have the ability of getting the best out of people," he said. "I'm a good listener who loves to teach."

Dr. J. Larry Martin doesn't have to travel far to visit. He has been a professor of mathematics at Southern since 1973 and is currently head of the department. He served as interim dean of arts and sciences last year. He received his Ed.D. in mathematics education at the University of Georgia.

Even though Martin knows the pleasures and pains of the position, he doesn't believe he has a distinct advantage over the other finalists. He said he enjoyed the opportunity to visit classrooms and discuss

teaching with all of the departments in the school of arts and sciences.

"I've learned it's a big job with many new challenges," said Martin, who came to the College in 1965. "It allowed me to serve the College in a different role."

Dr. Jerome Cain has been a professor of biology and assistant to the provost at Illinois State University for nine years. He received his Ph.D. in biology at the University of Connecticut.

Cain believes his 20 years of experience in higher education qualifies him for the position. He said he is looking forward to his March 10 visit.

"I'm very happy to be meeting the students," Cain said. "They (the administration) are not interested in me because I'm a good biologist, but because I like to work with people to solve problems and reach goals."

Cain said he is impressed with the importance the College places on international education. He also said the faculty seem dedicated to high-quality instruction.

"Missouri Southern is definitely a student-centered institution," he said.

According to Cain, communication between faculty and students is a key to understanding education.

"I have a good grasp of higher education on the national scene," he said. "I'm involved with the idea of helping faculty and students do their jobs in a better way. I'm very visionary and like to look to the future."

Dr. Erik Bitterbaum, vice president for academic affairs and chairman of the search committee, said an offer most likely will be made by the end of March. □

## Open forums await finalists

The four finalists for the dean of the school of arts and sciences will participate in an open forum when they visit the campus.

The hour-long forums will begin with a 15- to 20-minute opening statement in which the candidate talks about topics of his choice. Questions from faculty and staff of the school of arts and sciences will fill the rest of the hour.

Dr. Erik Bitterbaum, vice president for academic affairs and chairman of the search committee, said this is a valuable time for the presentation of ideas between the candidates and the faculty. He said it could help faculty learn more about each candidate's particular leadership style, values, and philosophy.

"It's a sharing period," Bitterbaum said. "This gives opportunity to share thoughts and a variety of views."

Forums will take place from noon to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Room 310 of the Billingsly Student Center. Student Senate President Stacy Schoen will set up informal sessions for students, at times to be announced later.

Dates for the candidates' visits: Tomorrow—Richard S. Hyslop; Monday—Terry B. Smith; Wednesday—J. Larry Martin; Friday, March 10—Jerome R. Cain. □

## STUDENT SENATE

# Talley suggests new committee

By GENIE UNDERNEHR  
CAMPUS EDITOR

One student senator wants to take a look at the way Missouri Southern's student government does business.

"The redirection committee will deal more in the actual interaction with the College, the student body, and the publications on campus," said freshman senator Jason Talley, who made the initial motion to form the committee.

Talley said other possible topics for discussion include the allocation process, a redefinition of the Senate's purpose, and how to better promote the Senate to the student body.

"These are tentative goals," Talley said. "We want to look at what the Senate is doing—to streamline and optimize. And we want to possibly look at the main purpose of the Senate."

Section three of the Senate's constitution says: "The primary purpose of the Student Senate shall be to lend assistance to the student body of the College, through the allocation of funds to recognized student organizations, as well as act as a liaison between the student body and the administration regarding matters that concern the campus community."

Talley said funding requests are not the sole duty of the Senate.

"We don't view allocations as our main purpose," he said. "We have done other things for the campus

such as better lighting, the Hancock II information day, a new ATM machine, and more computers in the library."

The committee will also look at ways to redefine the entire allocation process from start to finish.

"We want to possibly itemize the allocation request sheets—to put line items so we know exactly where the funds will go," Talley said. "That way, we can more closely determine what we will and will not fund."

"We want to make senators aware of exactly how much power they can have as far as the allocation process goes."

The committee is similar to both the diversification committee and the constitution committee in that it encompasses a part of each.

"Diversification deals with the whole campus," said John Weedn, head of the diversification committee. "Jason wants to narrow the focus to redirection basically on the Senate."

Talley said the redirection committee will be an open forum, without a chairperson. It will present ideas to the Senate. If the ideas are accepted, they will move on to the proper committees for further development. Amendments to the constitution, including changing the Senate's main goals, will be dealt with in this manner.

Talley said several senators developed the idea for the committee during the Senate's trip to Jefferson City last week. □

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

# Anderson Justice Center filling fast

House action on funding for building's expansion not likely for another month

By JOHN HACKER  
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

The Anderson Justice Center is filling fast, and new space in the near future just does not seem likely, say Missouri Southern officials.

For three years, Southern has requested a \$5.2 million, 49,000-square-foot expansion of the Center.

This year the Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education recommended \$1.8 million for the project but it was not included in Gov. Mel Carnahan's fiscal 1996 budget recommendation.

Rep. Gary Burton (R-Carl Junction) said the project has a better chance to pass this year than in the past.

"No. 1, the CBHE recommended it as a viable project," Burton said.

"Then I had the governor's budget director do some research. Mark Ward (budget director) told me he understands and concurs that there is a problem, and if you've got him on board it helps."

Burton said no action is likely until the House gets to the capital improvements appropriation legislation in about a month.

In the meantime, Dr. Jack Spurlin, dean of technology, said the criminal justice department is growing and running out of space to put new classes.

"The criminal justice department is now one of the largest departments on campus," Spurlin said. "We have more than 460 declared majors and probably over 500 when you tally in those who have not declared. Over the past few semesters, when the College has experi-

enced a decline in enrollment, our department has been up."

New training requirements from the state are also putting pressure on the department.

"The state now requires officers to have 300 hours of training and in August 1996 that will go up to 470," Spurlin said. "The police academy is running strictly at night now, but if things don't change we may have to go to days."

Dr. Blake Wolf, head of the criminal justice department, said the number of students in his department is increasing.

"We've been recruiting heavily this year," Wolf said. "The number of tours of our facility has been up significantly. We had a net gain of 27 students this spring [over fall 1994] and we believe next fall we'll see a dramatic increase in the number of students in our department."

The department is taking measures to deal with the over-crowding, but there is a limit to what can

be done on campus.

"We've about done all we can do with the space we've got," said Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president. "In the short term we addressed part of the problem by moving Dr. Spurlin and the EMS classes out of the building. We also picked up a classroom when the ROTC moved out."

Southern will also provide classes at off-campus sites in Joplin, Neosho, Miami, Okla., and Flat River, Mo.

The quality of the classes provided by Southern has created a demand for training from law enforcement agencies outside Southern's service area.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is sending park rangers from Oklahoma and Texas here for training in March and April.

The department also provides seminars and lectures by law enforcement experts for Southern students and area officials. □



**CAMPUS SECURITY REPORT**

- 1** 2/21/95 WEBSTER HALL 11:15 a.m. A custodian notified campus security that a toilet in the first floor women's restroom was broken and on the floor. The custodian also reported a missing cover plate for the wall plumbing in the first floor men's restroom.
- 2** 2/23/95 SPIVA LIBRARY 4:30 p.m. Campus security was notified of missing books from the children's section, each valued at \$20.
- 3** 2/24/95 LOT 39 12:05 p.m. Jeff Brown was driving east in his Ford Thunderbird when he hit Teresa Pettengill's Chevrolet Corsica as she was attempting to back out of a parking space.

## SOUTHERN'S PLUS

## Program provides positive experience

By DAN WISZKON  
ARTS EDITOR

The little people will once again invade campus this summer.

Southern's Plus, an annual summer youth program held on campus, is gearing up for another season from June 5-22. Sessions meet on Mondays through Thursdays during the three weeks.

"The purpose is enrichment," said Dr. David McConnell, assistant professor of education and the program's director. "It provides a fun, activity-focused learning experience for those who want to keep on learning. I think there are a lot of positive aspects."

The courses for the program were designed by College faculty and

staff with the input of some master teachers from the public school system. There are approximately eight new courses added to the curriculum this year that will be taught primarily by Southern faculty.

McConnell said one of the distinct characteristics of Southern's Plus is that it allows young students the chance to visit the College. He said the program usually attracts between 100 to 150 students each year. Catalogs and flyers are mailed to a nine-county area to publicize the event.

"For many, this constitutes their first contact with an institution of higher education," McConnell said. "I don't know of anything else where students of that age level get an opportunity to have that kind of learning take place on a college

campus."

Courses are usually limited to 20 students who have completed grades four through eight. There are also a couple of classes for children who have just passed the third grade. Any course that draws fewer than 10 students will be canceled.

The program was founded in 1985 by Erin Ray, an assistant professor of education who died of cancer last year. McConnell, in his first year as director, believes he has some big shoes to fill.

"She set us up well to continue the program for the future," he said. "She put emphasis on doing things differently in the classroom."

Tuition for two classes is \$120. Some courses require additional laboratory fees. □

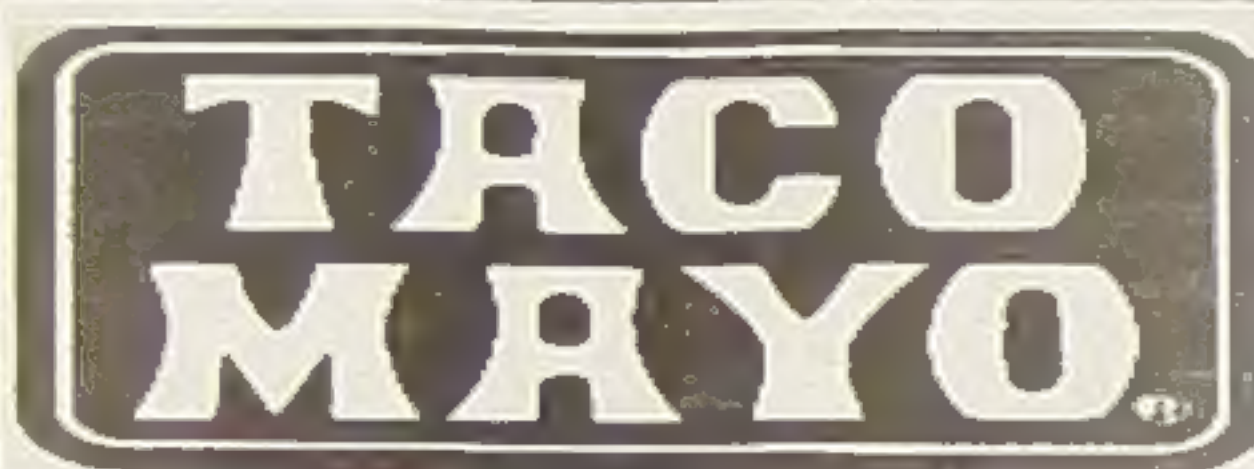
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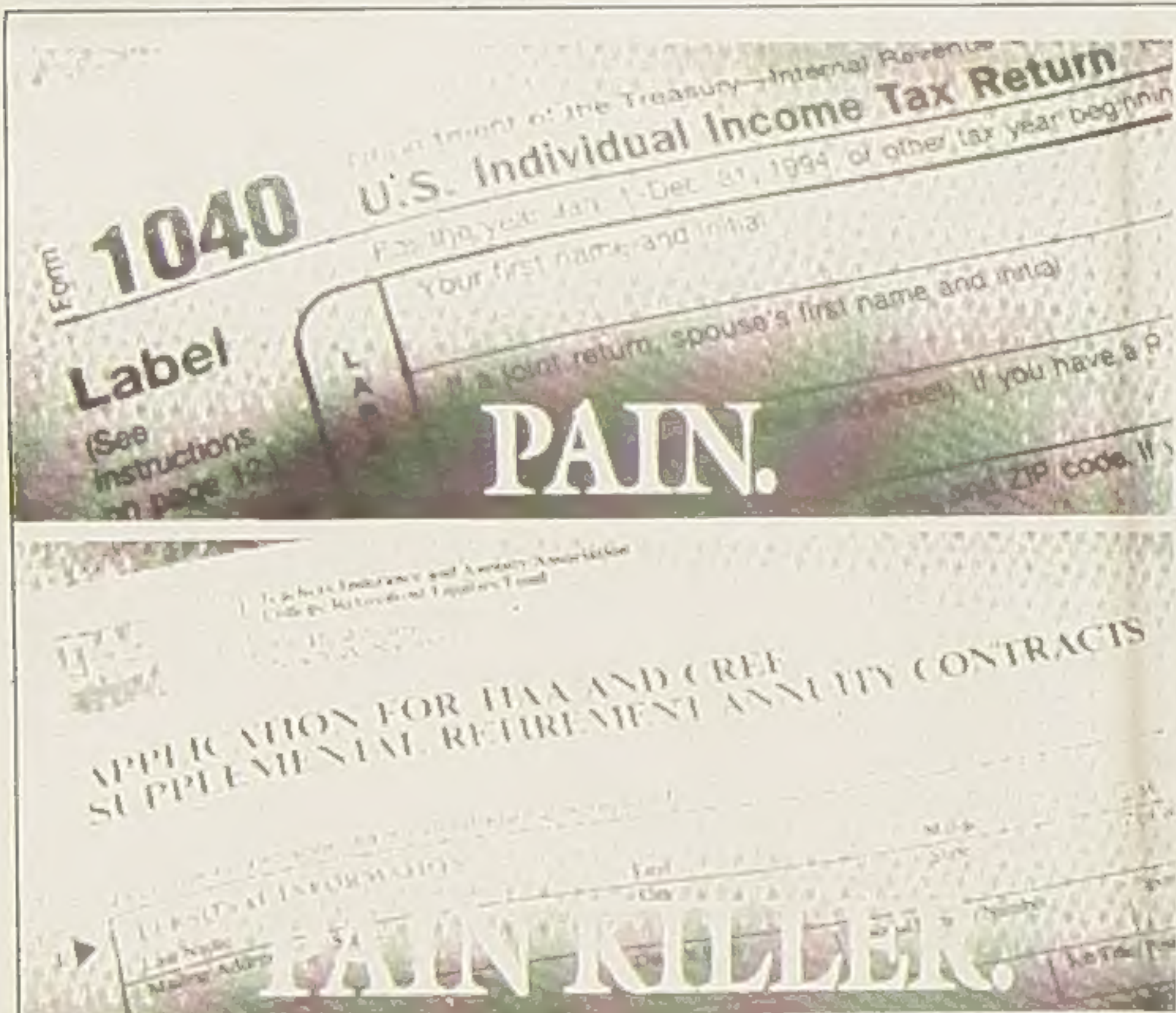
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Kyle Blotter, junior computer assisted manufacturing technology major, and Retha Ketchum, assistant professor of nursing, put toppings on their potatoes yesterday during a Technology Club potato feast.

## PHYSICAL PLANT

# Maintenance supervisor to end 18-year career on St. Pat's Day

Retirement plans include Galena craft shop

By JOHN HACKER  
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

After 18 years at Missouri Southern, Gary Evans, mechanical maintenance supervisor, will call it a career on St. Patrick's Day.

Evans will be replaced by Mike Ebsch, maintenance technician at Southern for the past 15 years.

Evans said he plans to stay in Galena, Kan., and run a craft shop.

"It's kind of hard to work all your life and just quit," he said. "I'll have my hobbies and I'm sure I'll drop in from time to time, but I'll miss everyone I've worked with."

Evans said he started at the bottom and his days at Southern were anything but boring.

"Every day something different happens on campus," he said.

Evans said he had confidence in Ebsch's ability to take over his duties.

"I've been turning it over to [Ebsch] and watching him for a while," he said. "I think he'll be a good man. I know he's always been helpful to me."

Ebsch said he appreciates the way Evans is helping him in the transition.

"A lot of the things he did I'll end up doing, so I'm trying to pick up the procedures before he leaves," Ebsch said. "Most of it is on paper, but he's got a lot in his memory."

As supervisor, Ebsch will direct five other mechanical maintenance technicians.

"In the supervisor's job, you've got a lot of people looking to you for advice and to make decisions," he said. "I was nervous at first, but I went in and talked to [physical plant director] Bob Beeler and [assistant director] Dwight Lunow."

"It's a team effort—you're not an entity all your own, and they said if I have any problems to talk to them."

"Evans will be missed," Beeler said. "He has been a key player at the College for many years."

Beeler said he was sure Ebsch was the right person for the job.

"Mike has a long tenure with the College and has experience with most of the utilities and mechanical systems," Beeler said. "He's a good teacher, and we felt he would be a very fine leader." □

## MISSOURI CONSTITUTION TEST

For students who need to take the test on the Missouri Constitution, please observe the following schedule:

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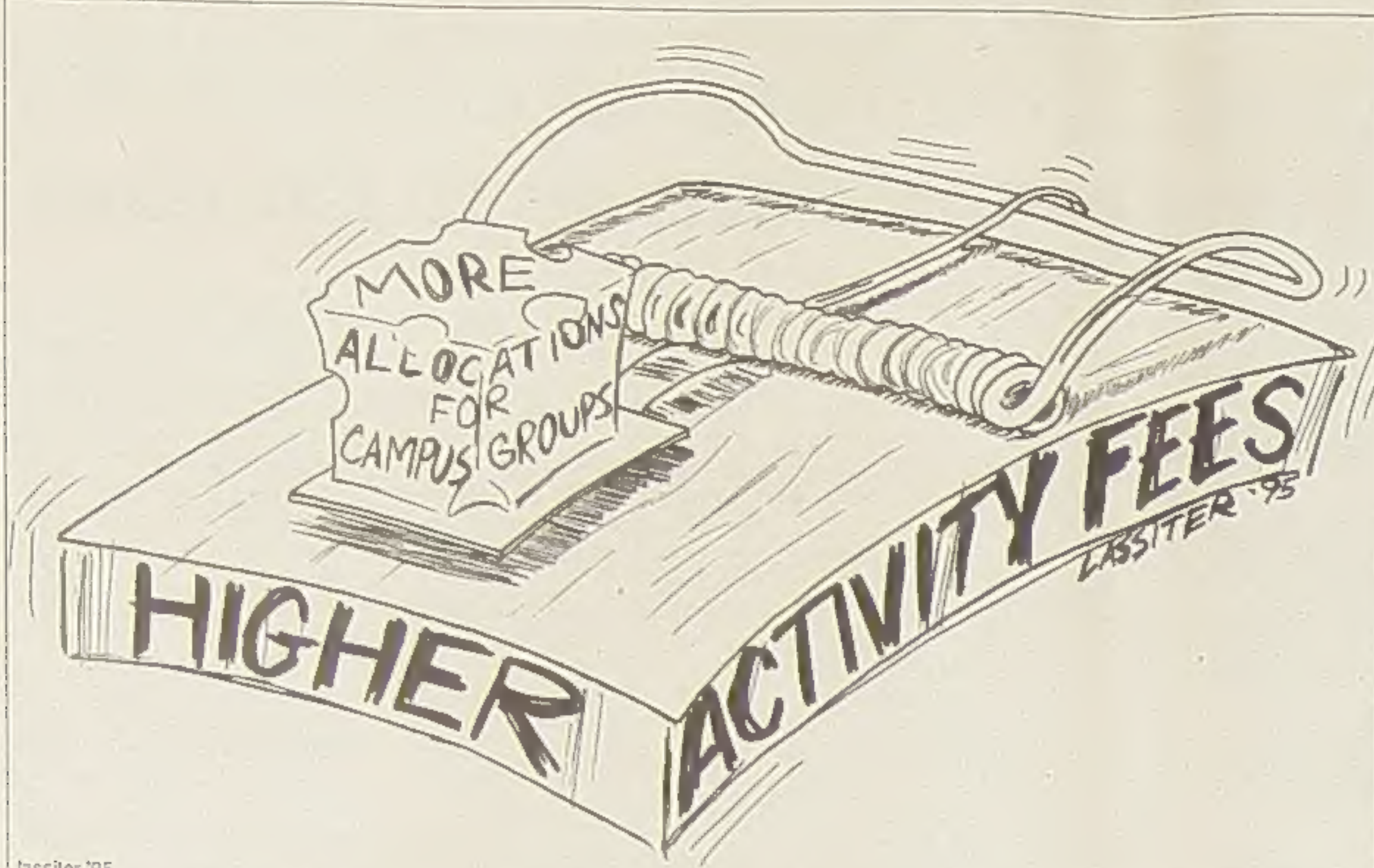
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# OUR EDITORIALS

Unsigned editorials on this page express the opinions of a majority of The Chart editors. Observations elsewhere on the page represent independent viewpoints of columnists, cartoonists, and readers.

## Experiencing growing pains

The Anderson Justice Center is bursting at the seams.

Dr. Jack Spurlin, dean of technology, said it best when he told a Chart reporter:

"The criminal justice department is now one of the largest departments on campus, we have more than 460 declared majors and probably over 500 when you tally in those who have not declared. Over the past few semesters, when the College has experienced a decline in enrollment, our department has been up."

Despite that increase in students, no money for expansion of the Justice Center has been forthcoming and Gov. Mel Carnahan did not recommend funding for the project in his most recent budget.

That places Spurlin and company in the very uncomfortable position of shifting classes around the campus and holding classes at off-campus sites in Joplin, Neosho, Miami, Okla., and Flat River, Mo.

Along with the ever increasing enrollment in the criminal justices department, the state is increasing the number of required hours for law enforcement officers. Spurlin has

expressed concern that if the situation is not resolved soon, the police academy may have to switch to day classes.

The dark cloud of overpopulation and under funding does have a silver lining, however. The Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education recommended funds for expansion at the Justice Center and Carnahan's budget director has now come on board. Rep. Gary Burton (R-Carl Junction) has said the project has a better chance this year than in past legislative sessions. However, no action is likely until the House gets to the capital improvements legislation in about a month.

We hope the funding materializes, but we hope the College is considering something just in case it does not. Tuesday, Carnahan recommended \$20.3 million in additional funding for Missouri's institutions of higher learning. Southern's take would include \$281,771 in additional base funds. Before the College looks at adding anything new, it should take care of things close to home. Perhaps some of those funds could be held in reserve and used to provide some breathing room for the criminal justice department. □

# YOUR LETTERS

The Chart welcomes letters from readers. Letters must be signed and include a phone number for verification. Letters should be 300 words or fewer. Submit letters to The Chart office on the third floor of Webster Hall, fax them to (417) 625-9742, or send via E-mail. Our E-mail addresses: TheChart@aol.com or HRKP31E@prodigy.com. Letters are due by noon Monday for publication in that week's edition.

## Senator claims 'biased double standard'

I have to say I was very disturbed by a recent editorial in your publication. The attack on Student Senate's desire to increase the activity fee was unfounded and illogical.

First, we have over 75 organizations on campus and we should have more money to allocate to them. It is not a matter of conservation on our part, we need to have enough money to go around. Our fees have not increased in 12 years and our school has one of the lowest activity fees around. The expenses incurred on trips are more now than they were 12 years ago, and we need to adapt to the changing values. We need to have more money to allocate to vari-

ous groups. I repeat it is not a misallocation of funds, we just have a plethora of requests.

Second, The Chart's budget this year was \$22,000.00, an increase from 3 years ago. I find it very convenient that you denounce our appeal for money, but you seem to find it okay for yourself. This is a highly biased double standard. Many of the students on campus would rather attend conferences and symposiums in their respective fields much more than read a publication. Maybe reallocations are in order.

Third, The Chart's representation that all we do is allocate money is a fabrication. You asked for better lighting on campus,

better food service, more computers in the library, an ATM (other than Senate), and Hancock II awareness. All of these items have been provided for you now or in the near future. Senate has clearly done more than write checks.

Jason Talley  
Senator

[Editor's note: The Chart's budget does not come from student activity fees, but rather from a line-item allocation in the communications department budget and advertising revenues.]

## New Yorker plugs 'don't buy beef' campaign

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# EDITOR'S COLUMN

## \$10,750.77 vanished Senate shoots budget in one month

Can you believe it? The Student Senate, after giving away all of its money, is seriously considering drafting a proposal to increase the \$20 student activity fee. On top of the increased tuition fees for next year, I have to say its temerity will not be well received.

The senators justify the increase with the reasoning that students attending other colleges in the area pay a much higher activity fee than Missouri Southern students.

And besides, no one will miss an extra \$5.

I agree, \$5 is not that much. But the Senate



By Genie Undernehr  
Campus Editor

should remember Southern is mainly a commuter college and has a high number of non-traditional students. A large portion of the student body doesn't take advantage of the basketball games or the Campus Activities Board presentations. Many of them are not even involved in organizations that may benefit from Senate allocations. They are not going to take kindly to paying more for a service they don't use.

At its first meeting of the semester on Jan. 18, the Senate had \$10,750.77 in its treasury. On Feb. 15, less than a month later, the Senate gave away the last of its

funds. This is the first time the Senate has run out of money so early in the semester.

The senators say the money went so fast because of a decrease in enrollment and an increase in allocation requests. That may very well be true, but another cause is a definite lack of effective budgeting.

At the Feb. 15 meeting, when seven organizations were scrambling for the last of the funds, junior senator John Weedn gave the following statement:

"I remember a time when we had \$10,000. We're running out of money now because we didn't stop and think about those earlier allocations."

Well said, John. That's exactly my point. But I also believe part of the problem stems from the fact that the maximum amount an organization can receive from the Senate is \$1,000. And, believe me, the organizations ask for the full thousand.

As the Student Senate reporter for The Chart, I watched each week as senators gave \$1,000 to this organization and \$1,000 to that organization. They did cut a few allocation requests, but not many. How long can the money last if the Senate gives

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# EDITOR'S COLUMN

## Close the historical gaps Cultural exclusion makes learning incomplete

Last week, Randy Brown, president of the Joplin NAACP, gently suggested our society consider changing the way it teaches history. Brown gave some thought-provoking examples of the way America has created historical gaps by way of cultural exclusion. But black history is only one area in which we have failed.

Unfortunately, we have been exclusively fed a diet of the white-bread Judeo-Christian version of the past. This is to our great detriment. I would like to introduce you to a few significant figures in human history.

From his birth in 469 B.C. to his trial in 399 B.C., Socrates lived a life which reshaped philosophical thought. Known primarily as the teacher of Plato, Socrates was considered the wisest among men. By asking his students questions and examining their answers, Socrates allowed them to bring forth the wisdom within themselves. He is generally credited with refocusing philosophy away from science and toward ethics.

In 356 B.C., Philip II of Macedonia became a father. His progeny, Alexander, would become so prodigious a leader of armies that he would never lose a battle. More significantly, the conquests of Alexander the Great built a bridge between east and west that changed the course of civilization.

Growing up as a Catholic, perhaps no single religious image was as beautiful to me as the frescoes decorating the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel. During his lifetime, Michelangelo Buonarroti created some of the most impressive and inspiring art ever produced. Whether working with paint or stone (as with his "David"), Michelangelo was without peer and became the person-

al artist of Popes Julius II and Leo X. For the Holy Fathers he created some of the most moving religious artwork in the history of man.

Although not a molder of paint or stone, Oscar Wilde was perhaps one of the world's most powerful wordsmiths. In one five-year period, Wilde gave the world such literary masterpieces as *The Picture of Dorian Gray*, *A Woman of No Importance*, *An Ideal Husband*, and *The Importance of Being Earnest*.

Tragically, Wilde's fate would not be a happy one. On May 25, 1895, he was sentenced to be imprisoned and at hard labor for two years. His crime was his lifestyle. You see, Wilde was gay—as were

By T.R. Hanrahan  
Editor-in-Chief



Socrates, Alexander the Great, Michelangelo, and many others who made a great contribution to mankind.

In his new book, *The Gay 100*, Paul Russell ranks history's 100 most influential gay men and lesbians. Among those profiled are: Walt Whitman, Emily Dickinson, Susan B. Anthony, St. Augustine, Leonardo da Vinci, William Shakespeare, Eleanor Roosevelt, Tennessee Williams, Florence Nightingale, Lord Byron, Rock Hudson, Liberace, and Madonna.

The contributions of these individuals flies directly in the face of conventional wisdom about homosexuals. If gays cannot adequately serve in the military, how did Alexander the Great conquer the Persian Empire? If gays cannot attain the Kingdom of God, how could the Lord speak through the brush and chisel of Michelangelo? If gays are promiscuous without regard for love, how could men like Byron and Shakespeare capture the imagination and arouse the passions of heterosexual lovers?

Think about it. □

# The Chart

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GRADUATE SCHOOL

# Students prepare for next step

Applicants must take LSAT or GRE, have good grades, recommendations

By JONATHAN SABO  
STAFF WRITER

For some graduating seniors, their four year degree just isn't enough. There is graduate school on the horizon.

Kassi Marlow, senior speech communications major, has applied for graduate school at the University of Tulsa, Missouri University, University of Missouri-Kansas City and University of Missouri-St. Louis

where she plans on becoming a lawyer. She says that she would prefer to go to Tulsa University because it is closer to home and she has family there.

Through each school she has gone through the process of being admitted.

She has filled out an application, gotten a letter of recommendation from the head of her department on campus and her adviser, written a personal statement about her life and sent it in to each of the universities.

Marlow chose to write an autobiography for the personal statement segment.

"I've lived in Africa for eight years, so I grew up with the French culture," she says. "I tried to spice up my life a little, but you can write about whatever you want, though."

She says that right now she's playing the waiting game and should know by March which schools will accept her.

Alex Lang, senior speech communications major, is also seeking to continue her education in law school. She has applied at the University of Tulsa and three schools in Minnesota.

Lang says that law schools require one to have a degree from an undergraduate school, and then they look at your grades and your LSAT (Law School Admissions Test) or GRE score. She estimates that a 3.0 or better grade point average is safe grade-wise.

Supporting oneself financially during graduate school can become interesting.

"Some schools require you not to work, so you have to take out bigger loans," Lang says. "Most of the time in graduate school you can get a managerial job in your field to support yourself."

## Career Briefs

### Program prepares Christian teachers

Many of us, including me, in the career business tend to get so focused on computer programmers and business executives we do need to be reminded occasionally that spiritually focused careers exist.

The Lilly program is designed to prepare Christian teachers and aid the universities and colleges that want to hire spiritually oriented professors. The project, funded by the Lilly Endowment Inc., has established a national network of 45 higher education institutions interested in Christian education.

You have to be a post-doctoral scholar to qualify for the Lilly Fellows Program. For details call Schwehn at (219) 464-5022.



By JOYCE LAIN KENNEDY  
COLUMNIST

### Law degree not necessary for attorneys in some states

Other than student aid for law school in the form of scholarships or grants, which are difficult to obtain, two options may be of interest.

The vast majority of states require that you attend a law school approved by the American Bar Association before you take the bar examination, which, if you pass, entitles you to practice law.

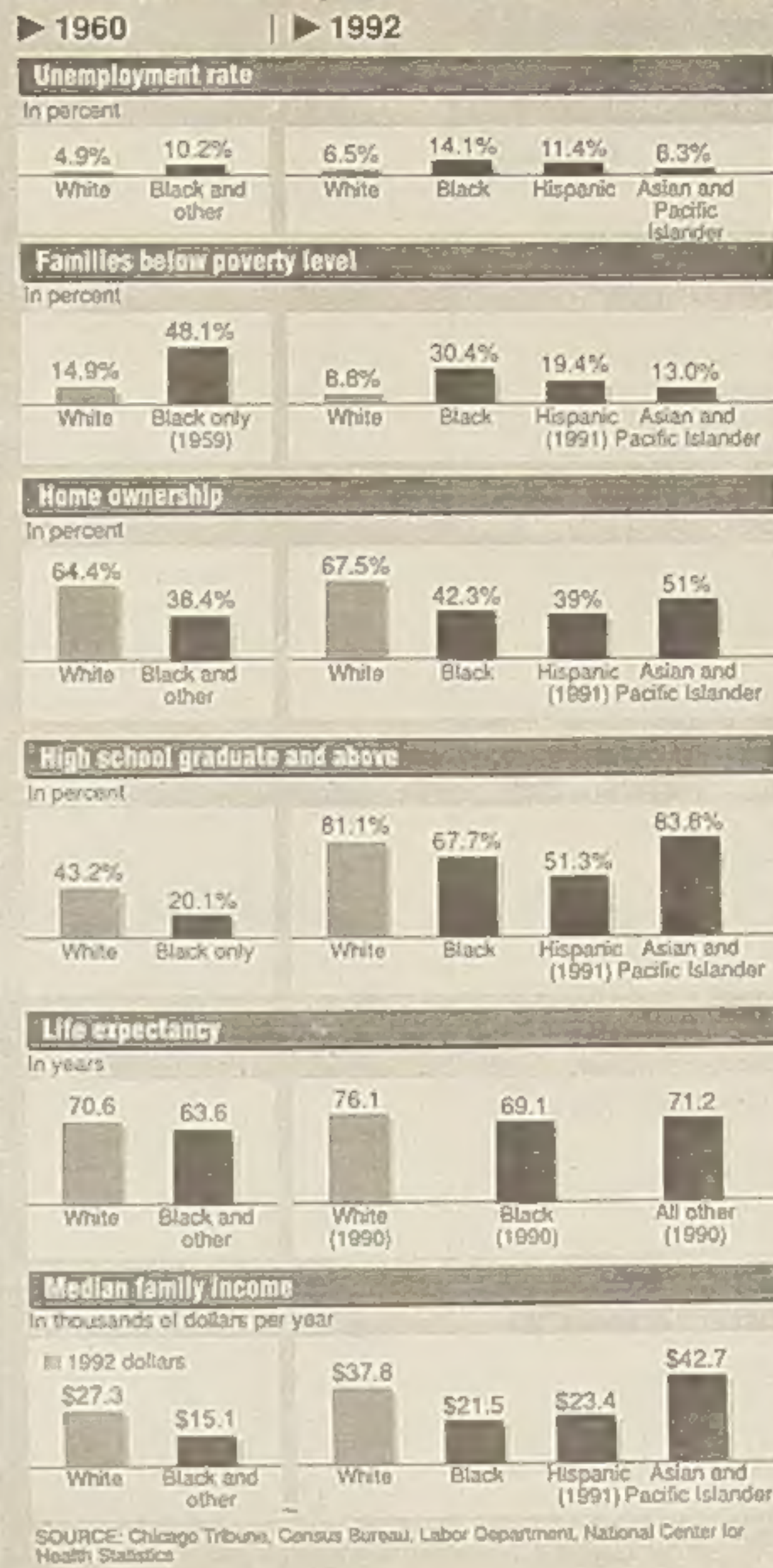
However, the District of Columbia and five states permit you to take the bar exam without having attended law school: California, Connecticut, Maine, Georgia, and North Carolina.

Two states, California and Maine, allow you to take a bar exam after serving a period of time at a law office. This option is known as law office study.

Read all about it in an annual 60-page publication, "A Comprehensive Guide to Bar Admissions." Obtain a single copy free from: American Bar Association Service Center Order Fulfillment 715 N. Lakeshore Drive Chicago, Ill. 60611.

### A dream unfulfilled?

While the social and economic status of African-Americans and other minorities has improved since the 1963 March on Washington, the position of blacks and others relative to white Americans continues to lag in many areas. Data is for 1960 and 1992, unless otherwise noted.



JOB MARKET

# Employees facing changing career paths, benefits

Despite continuing growth in the economy and low levels of unemployment, the job market remains competitive and challenging for employed and unemployed professionals alike.



By SHERYL SILVER  
COLUMNIST

In most fields, competition for openings remains keen. In all but a few job categories, qualified applicants still outstrip the number of available jobs.

Employed professionals aren't exempt from the market's challenges and competition either. Job

security is far from assured. With companies continuing to re-engineer and streamline their operations to enhance productivity and profitability, jobs are still being eliminated. The further compression of organizational charts is also expected to eliminate more middle management jobs and create keener competition for every advancement opportunity that arises.

To stay employed and employable in this environment, career management experts agree individuals must assume greater responsibility for managing their careers. A key element in that effort is making sure on-the-job performance demonstrates an ability to make a quantifiable difference to an organization.

"Whether they're recruiting or

making retention and promotional decisions, employers today are looking for those with a proven ability to benefit an organization's bottom line," says Judith Bardwick, a La Jolla-based management consultant.

"They're hiring and promoting selectively and want to make sure people produce more in value than they cost the company in salary and benefits."

The focus on results holds true at the management level as well. Hiring executives and career management consultants note that today, supervisors, managers, and executives are picked more on the basis of ability than seniority or loyalty.

In organizations where middle management layers are disappearing and flatter organizations are

becoming the rule, experts also say it's important to look for more than vertical advancement opportunities to increase your visibility and versatility as an employee. Lateral moves, and leadership roles on special projects or task forces are alternate opportunities companies are offering top performers to challenge and develop them.

"Promotion is only important to the extent that it legitimizes more power in an organization, and today you have chances for more episodic power by serving on committees, or leading task forces or special projects," says Bardwick.

"These alternatives should not be regarded as 'second best' options," says Beverly Kaye, a Los Angeles based career manage-

ment consultant and author of the book *Up Is Not the Only Way*.

"When opportunities in advance vertically are scarce as they have become in many organizations today, these other types of assignments can be instrumental in preparing individuals for the next promotional opportunities that arise, promotions that can represent multiple steps on the corporate ladder."

And for those who aspire to climb the corporate ladder for recognition and enhance earning power rather than the promise of increased clout, Bardwick says promotions are not the only way to achieve those objectives today.

"What's a real 'turn on' for people is being part of an organization or group that takes on challenging tasks and accomplishes them, and

to be acknowledged as a real contributor in those accomplishments," says Bardwick. "Those rewards are obtainable without promotions, and certainly, if compensation plans are adjusted to reward lateral or other moves, money can be gained without vertical advancement."

Bardwick says she's observing more organizations move toward incorporating bonuses for individual or team efforts in their compensation plans. She sees this as a very positive outcome of the "flattening" of corporate America since, in her words, "Not everyone is a fit for management. Many people are actually happier with the content of their work as individual contributors within their areas of expertise."

## On-campus interviews

Interested persons may contact  
Career Planning and Placement at 625-9343

When:	Who:	Position:	Majors:
March 7	Payless Shoe Source	Manager trainee	All
March 8	Sherwin-Williams Company	Manager trainee	Business related
April 13	Social Security Administration	Service & claim representatives, administrative aide	All

Students must have a resume on file at Career Planning and Placement to participate in interviews.

JOB SEARCH ADVICE

## Considerations for changing jobs

Throughout our careers we spend time wondering if we are in the right job.

Career evaluation is triggered by several different factors, including getting a bad performance review, working for a boss you don't particularly like or respect, being paid less than what you think you're worth, feeling unappreciated, or being constantly overworked.

Certainly the insecurity over one's



By DR. JOY REED BELT  
COLUMNIST

job in the face of repeated layoffs is another reason to question one's current employment.

Leaving a position is not always an easy thing to do. Many people stay in jobs that they no longer enjoy because they don't know what else to do. Others say because they feel someone else in the organization needs them.

The decision to leave a job has many of the same elements as the decision to leave any kind of relationship. Being stuck in a job, or for that matter any other kind of situation that you don't enjoy, is an energy-sapping force. Sooner or later it is important for one's mental well-being to decide either to be totally committed or to make a change.

What factors should you consider when evaluating whether or not it is

time to leave a job? The fundamental question is "What do you want to do with your life?" All of us have dreamed of being something different than we are. For most of us those dreams are attainable. Once you decide what you want to be, then you need to determine whether you have the required training to be that person. If you want to be a physician, then obviously you need an M.D.

If you decide to change careers and not just companies you will probably have to aggressively market yourself to your new chosen industry. It is not often that companies recruit career changers.

Libraries and databases are an important source of information. As most occupations are described in detail, they can be accessed easily.

UNDERNEHR, FROM PAGE 4

it away \$1,000 at a time?

Fifteen organizations received allocations this semester, but Southern has more than 60 recognized campus organizations. The Senate says it operates on a first-come, first-serve basis, but I don't think it matters how soon an organization files a

request. There will always be more organizations than there are funds. Why not try to spread them out a little instead of giving them all away at once?

Before the Senate proposes to increase the activity fee, it should first consider decreasing the maxi-

mum amount allowed to each organization. This is something the Senate has never even considered. Giving a lower amount to each organization would help more evenly distribute the student fees it receives each semester instead of giving them away in lump sums.



## CAMPUS EVENTS CALENDAR

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				2	3	4
5	6	7	8			

### Today 2

**11 a.m. to 1 p.m.—**  
Koinonia free lunch,  
Stegge Hall basement.  
**Noon—**  
Brown Bag Lunch series,  
"New Guinea," by Dr.  
Robert Wiley, BSC 310.  
**Noon to 1 p.m.—**  
Latter-Day Saint Student  
Association, BSC 313.  
**12:15 p.m.—**  
Model United Nations  
Club, Webster Hall II.  
**2:30 p.m.—**  
Modern Communications  
Club, Webster Hall Third  
Floor Atrium.  
**5:30 p.m.—**  
T.N.T. (Thursday-Nights-  
Together), free food,  
exciting programs, great  
speakers, Baptist Student  
Union.

### Tomorrow 3

**Noon—**  
Psychology Club, Taylor  
Hall 123.

### Saturday 4

**2:30 p.m.—**  
Charlotte's Web, admis-  
sion \$1 for adults, 50 cents  
for children, no free pass-  
es, Taylor Performing Arts  
Center.

### Sunday 5

**9:30 a.m.—**  
Fellowship Baptist  
Church College Sunday  
School, Baptist Student  
Union.  
**2:30 p.m.—**  
Charlotte's Web, admis-  
sion \$1 for adults, 50 cents  
for children, no free pass-  
es, Taylor Performing Arts  
Center.

### Monday 6

**10 a.m. to 2 p.m.—**  
Bookstore sidewalk sale,  
40 to 75 percent off  
selected clothing, office  
& school supplies, soft-  
ware, BSC Lions' Den.  
**7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.—**  
CAB Movie: Animal House,  
BSC Second  
Floor Lounge.

### Tuesday 7

**Noon—**  
Newman Club Catholic  
Organization, fellowship,  
food, and fun, BSC 306.  
**Noon to 1 p.m.—**  
Latter-Day Saint Student  
Association, BSC 313.  
**12:15 p.m.—**  
College Republicans, BSC  
311.  
**12:15 p.m.—**  
Non-Traditional Student  
Association, BSC First  
Floor Lounge.  
**12:30 p.m.—**  
Phi Eta Sigma, BSC 314.  
**7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.—**  
CAB Movie: Animal House,  
BSC Second  
Floor Lounge.

### Wednesday 8

**2 p.m.—**  
CAB meeting, free food,  
refreshments, all are  
welcome, BSC 311.  
**5:30 p.m.—**  
Student Senate, BSC 310.

### Attention Student!

If you have  
a question for  
Student Senate,  
contact Gene at The Chart  
625-9311

## SOCIAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

# Students to compete in History Day

*Categories to include performances, traditional research papers, projects*

By PHYLLIS DE TAR  
STAFF WRITER

Students from area schools will be on the Missouri Southern campus March 10 for the Missouri District History Day contest.

Winners from each of the nine districts in the state will compete April 8 at the University of Missouri at Columbia. The national competition occurs in June at College Park, Maryland.

"Conflict and Compromise in History" is the theme for this year's contest. Students are split into two age groups and compete in four different categories

The junior division includes grades six through eight. Grades nine through 12 form the senior division.

"This is the sort of activity that really turns a lot of students on to history who otherwise might not find it exciting," said Dr. Paul Teverow, director for the district and associate professor of history at Southern.

Teverow said the students get involved in primary research by talking with people and reading diaries by those who have participated in the events. This makes history more tangible than reading it in a textbook.

"The most popular categories are projects and media presentations," said Rhett Gould, student assistant to Teverow.

"Traditional research papers and performances, which consist of original dramatizations of the entrants' topics in history, are the other categories."

The event is financed by the Missouri State Historical Society. More than 200 students from approximately 20 schools are entered this year.

Of those schools, Carl Junction is sending the most entries.

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Dr. Paul Teverow  
District director

The projects and research paper categories will be held on the third floor of Billingsly Student Center. Performances and media presentations will take place in Webster

Hall. The public is invited.

"I feel that History Day is an excellent way for students to get in touch with the society around them by looking backward instead of forward," Gould said. "It helps them understand why something happened as opposed to just learning what happens from a textbook."

The social science department has scheduled other activities to coincide with the contest. A medieval reenactment group, Society for Creative Anachronism, will perform.

Another group called the Gunslingers will simulate a wild west gunfight.

They are also offering a social science bowl in which students may compete. □

## HISTORY DEPARTMENT

# Holocaust class examines views

*Provides insight to Jew persecution*

By CASEY MILLER  
STAFF WRITER

Twice a week, a group of history students explores what many believe is the most brutal government policy ever enacted in human history.

The Holocaust, taught by Dr. William Tannenbaum, assistant professor of history, is far from the average course at Missouri Southern.

Tannenbaum believes his class is an indictment of the potential evils of government, the legal and medical professions, and society at large.

"This was one of the great terrible events of not only modern history, but history in general," he said.

"I think it raises important questions of the dangerous ways of trying to find solutions to problems in modern society."

Tannenbaum is intrigued by the fact that such an event took place in Germany, one of the most advanced societies in the Western world.

"They produced some of the finest thinkers, philosophers, and scientists in the world, and the most brutal systematic event ever," he said.

"One of the things I find most horrible about it was that it wasn't the work of just freelance brutal people, but it was government policy."

Students chose to take the class for a variety of reasons. Lisa Holman, senior history major, said the class has affected her view of different cultures, people, and political systems.

"I've always been interested in German history, and after seeing *Schindler's List* twice, I wanted to

find out how and why such a horror could happen," Holman said.

Vanessa Tomlinson, also a senior history major, said the class is really interesting.

"It gives you insight into things you normally wouldn't get in-depth about," Tomlinson said.

Some of the students are getting their education beyond the classroom by taking a trip to The U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. over spring break.

Tannenbaum, a specialist in European history, teaches The Holocaust from a variety of viewpoints, including insight to what it was like for the Jews being persecuted at the time, German political history, and World War II.

"The Holocaust has a very complicated relationship to the second World War," Tannenbaum said. "Most Germans were indifferent to the fate of the Jews."

Tannenbaum is fascinated by the bureaucracy of the system and the apparent denial of the situation of the German people as a whole.

"There were receptionists whose job it was to order poison gas for the death camps like Auschwitz," he said.

"The road to murder was carried out by a large minority, but was paved by the indifference of millions."

One view Tannenbaum will not endorse is the popular Neo-Nazi perspective that the Holocaust didn't happen.

"It's like saying that slavery didn't exist," he said.

"The evidence is so well documented that people don't raise that question." □

## ANDERSON JUSTICE CENTER

# Nation's leading experts to speak about street gang activity

*Seminar to focus on gang problems, recognition, prevention, strategies*

By GENE UNDERNEHR  
CAMPUS EDITOR

Three of the nation's leading experts on street gang recognition and intervention will visit Missouri Southern on Tuesday, March 21.

Sgt. Wes McBride and Gib Anderson from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and Sgt. David Starbuck from the Kansas City Police Department will conduct the seminar "Street Gangs: Recognition and Intervention."

"I contacted the Kansas City Police Department, Tulsa Police Department, Dallas Police Department, and was inquiring about the best experts in the field," said Dr. Blake Wolf, head of the criminal justice department.

At the seminar, the officers will speak about investigative strategies and techniques in the areas of narcotics violations, firearms violations, and conspiracies. They will also focus on how to identify gang-related activity and how to develop gang intelligence files and undercover strategies.

"They're going to speak about the national scope of the problem and how it has spread," Wolf said. "They will also discuss effective strategies in how to deal with the gang problem."

One of these strategies, called *Operation Safe Streets*, was developed by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and is headed by McBride.

Wolf said Starbuck will present material on the Chicago influence on gang activity in the Midwest.

"We see the Chicago influence in Kansas, but more so on the eastern side of the state, specifically Springfield, Memphis, St. Louis, and even Des Moines, Iowa," Wolf said. "Here in the four-state area, we're seeing influence from both

Chicago and the Los Angeles areas."

Wolf said gang activity in the area is growing.

"When we speak about Joplin proper, it's starting to be a problem," he said. "When we talk about southwest Missouri, it's here."

Wolf said Monett recently had a town meeting with approximately 100 citizens in attendance to discuss the gang problem.

"Springfield also has an officer

now assigned strictly to gangs," he said. "That's an indicator of a major problem."

Wolf said gang members in this area can pose as great a threat, if not more, than gang members in the larger cities.

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Head of the criminal justice department

"It's a misnomer to call these people 'want-to-be's,'" he said. "These want-to-be gang members are perhaps more dangerous than some of the gang members they have to deal with in the Los Angeles area."

"They are the ones starting out, and their propensity for criminal behavior may be even greater because they are trying to establish themselves."

The seminar will run from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Matthews Hall auditorium. The registration fee is \$55.

Wolf said the seminar is geared mainly toward professionals, but anyone is welcome.

Cosponsored by the Joplin Police Department, the seminar is geared toward profes-

sionals but everyone is welcome.

"We are always pleased when an agency is interested enough to help provide training, especially when it is relevant like the gang training." □

## DON'T LOOK!



STEVE GURLEY/The Chart

Nurse Jacqueline McIntosh prepares to draw blood from Twyla Pigg, junior dental hygiene major. The Residence Hall Association cosponsored the Red Cross blood drive Monday in the BSC Keystone Room.

## CAB SPECIAL PRESENTATION

# Magician, comedian to give show

By BECKY BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

Magic with a touch of comedy comes to the Campus Activities Board variety show at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 9.

Brad Montgomery, comedian-magician, will appear on stage in the Connor Ballroom at the Billingsly Student Center.

"He has a really excellent show," said Michelle Stonis, CAB novelty, variety, and music chairperson.

"He combines comedy with all of his magic," Stonis said. "Everyone

seems to really enjoy his shows."

Through the help of the National Association of Campus Activities, the CAB contacted Montgomery and asked him to return to Southern. Montgomery travels around the country doing most of his shows at colleges and universities.

"He had sent us a postcard just to say hello," Stonis said. "The last show was good so we decided to ask him to return."

The comedian's last show was held at Southern in April 1992.

"The show in 1992 was really good," Stonis said. "We had a pretty good turnout."

Admission is free to students as well as to the general public.

"Advertising for the show will begin soon," Stonis said. "The advertising will be done mostly on campus."

In addition to his comedy and magic routine, Montgomery will hold a workshop.

He will explain and teach some of the simple tricks. The workshop will give people an opportunity to participate in Montgomery's show and learn about magic.

"Tricks like the old coin-behind-the-car trick," Stonis said. "Simple little tricks that make you say 'How did he do that?'" □



## SIGHTS, SOUNDS, and so on...

### ON CAMPUS

**Southern Theatre**  
Now through Mar. 5—*Charlotte's Web*.  
April 19-22—*Twelfth Night*.  
**Matthews Hall**  
March 7—*The Roots*.  
March 21—*Private's Progress*.  
April 4—*The Cloak*.  
**Webster Hall**  
Tonight—*Southern Trio*.  
March 12—*Joplin Piano Teachers Student Recital*.  
March 23—*Angelas String Quartet*.  
March 25—*District Piano Festival*.  
April 20—*Senior Voice Recital (Linda Lunow)*.  
April 23—*Harold Mabum Trio*.  
May 2—*Flute Students Recital*.  
May 5—*Carl Cranmer*.  
May 6—*Suzuki Students Recital*.  
**Phinney Hall**  
April 8—*Suzuki String Festival*.  
May 18—*Choral Society Concert*.  
**Taylor Auditorium**  
March 22-25—*Madrigal Dinner*.  
April 27—*Southern Concert Band*.  
May 4—*Southern Jazz Band*.  
May 8—*Community Orchestra*.  
May 11—*Spring Choral Concert*.

### JOPLIN

**The Bypass**  
624-9095  
March 11—*Comfortable Shoes*.  
March 12—*Coco Montoya*.  
**Champs Bar and Grill**  
782-4944  
Tomorrow—*Blues Blasters*.  
**Culture Shock**  
96 Main Street  
Tonight—*The Queers with Breakups and Frogpond*.  
**George A. Spiva Center**  
623-0183  
March 4—*Masquerade Ball*.

### CARTHAGE

**Stone's Throw Dinner Theatre**  
417-358-9665  
March 16, 17, and 18—*Opal's Million Dollar Duck*.  
April 8 and 9—*You Caught Me Dancing*.  
April 20, 21, and 22—*A Woman With No Name*.  
June 29, 30, and 31—*Cat On A Hot Tin Roof*.

### KANSAS CITY

**Memorial Hall**  
816-931-3330  
March 22—*Mary Chapin Carpenter with The Mavericks*.  
**Sandstone**  
816-931-3330  
April 30 & May 1—*The Eagles*.  
May 28—*R.E.M.*

### ST. LOUIS

**Rickman Auditorium**  
314-296-8000  
March 11—*Glen Campbell*.  
April 8—*Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons*.  
May 13—*The Oak Ridge Boys*.  
**Fox Theatre**  
314-534-1111  
Feb. 25—*Randy Travis with Sammy Kershaw*.  
March 7—*The Black Crowes*.  
**Kiel Center**  
314-291-7600  
April 5—*The Eagles*.  
May 6—*Robert Plant and Jimmy Page*.

### TULSA

**Philbrook Museum of Art**  
918-748-5316  
Now through March 12—*Durer and Rembrandt: Felix Warburg—German and Netherlandish Prints*.

### SOUTHWEST MISSOURI ARTS COUNCIL

## Region forms council to promote arts

Two-year vision becomes reality, membership drive begins next month

By JENNIFER A. RUSSELL  
STAFF WRITER

Promoting arts in the Joplin area is the main goal of the new Southwest Missouri Arts Council, and it could prove fruitful for Missouri Southern.

According to Vivian Leon, director of the Missouri Southern International Piano Competition, the arts council is a good idea.

"This is new and exciting," Leon said. "I think each arts organization has its own mission, and hopefully we'll be involved in each other's projects."

"We've needed it for a long time—it's a regional voice, a collective effort."

A product of Vision Joplin, a long-range planning concept for the area, the arts council has been in the planning stages for nearly two years. Founding members hope to emphasize southwest Missouri's artistic community, said Gwen Hunt, council president and public information director at Southern.

"It (the Joplin area) is not a cultural desert, and we felt an arts council could help, acting as an umbrella for other arts organizations," Hunt said. The council will print and distrib-

ute an arts calendar in April for its first project.

"Our future goal is to sponsor an arts festival, which we hope will include our own major event in conjunction with it," Hunt said. "We're looking at sponsoring a biennial spring festival."

More than 40 arts organizations and people in the area have expressed interest, according to Hunt.

Pete Havelly, head of Southern's music department, is one of those.

"I'm looking at it as an opportunity for the music department to help the arts council," Havelly said. "I think they can help us as much as we can help them. All the arts at Missouri Southern will be an important part of it."

Havelly is excited about the response to the meetings.

"Most of the important people of the arts in this area are in one room, and that is really neat to see," he said.

Demand for such a council is

great, said Anne Jaros, costume designer and assistant professor of theatre at Southern.

"I think the arts council is trying to bring the two forces together so that the promoters of the arts can see what the providers are doing," Jaros said. "The providers of the arts are so busy in this town, there is less time to promote what is going on. They (the artists) depend on the patrons or outside forces to take care of the promotion."

A membership drive begins April 1 and runs through May 15. Different levels of membership are available. For more information, persons may contact Hunt in the public information office, Room 114 of the Billings Student Center, or at Ext. 9365. □

### THEATRE

## Workshop to assist students' verse skills

By MICHAEL DAVISON  
STAFF WRITER

Giving students the opportunity to hone their skills in Shakespearean verse without being in a play is the goal of the theatre department's Shakespeare workshop.

The workshop with visiting director Dr. Alex Pinkston will be held at 7 p.m. March 27 and 29 in the balcony lounge of Taylor Auditorium.

"We wanted to make sure that anyone not involved in the production had a chance to work with him (Pinkston) since he will be on campus for eight weeks," said Dr. Jay Fields, head of the theatre department.

Pinkston is directing the Southern Theatre production *Twelfth Night*, which will appear April 19-22 at Taylor Auditorium. He considers the workshop to be "part of the package."

"They (Southern Theatre) haven't done Shakespeare in a while, and the only class that deals with that style of acting is Acting III," Pinkston said. "That class is an upper-division class, and not many people would take that class due to the prerequisites."

Pinkston said anyone is invited to participate, but they must have 12-15 lines of Shakespeare memorized and be willing to present it at the workshop.

An organizational meeting will be held at 5 p.m. Monday in the Green Room in Taylor Auditorium.

"Every actor, no matter how good, finds Shakespeare attractive," Pinkston said. "It gives you the opportunity to move beyond the mundane."

"You do something special with the language, and usually it calls for stronger and more aggressive physical presence," he said.

Pinkston said the richness of the verse draws people to Shakespeare's works.

"The language doesn't just convey information, but also tells you where each scene takes place and reveals character and emotional states of mind," he said. □

### JAZZING IT UP



Jerry Sharp, senior music education major, finds time to wait away on his trumpet in Phinney Hall.

### THEATRE DEPARTMENT

## Scholarships attract workers to fill vital production posts

By DAN WISZKON  
ARTS EDITOR

In the eyes of theatre department, the scholarships offered to student workers benefit everyone involved.

There are about 100 student workers in the department currently under a scholarship program.

In order to qualify, the student must be a graduating high school senior or college transfer and be a theatre major or minor.

Dr. Jay Fields, head of the theatre department, believes the program helps both the department and the students. He said the student workers are necessary to assist in the department productions and in return receive financial assistance to help pay for their college costs.

"Any job in the theatre that is available we can assign a student to, and for that work he or she will get some kind of financial aid," Fields said. "I think it's vital; without it I don't know what would happen."

Every year around the third week of March auditions are held in Taylor Performing Arts Center for acting and technical work positions.

Interviews with the theatre faculty immediately follow the five-minute audition. If accepted, students receive tuition waivers for working in the costume shop, screen shop, box office, or helping with the productions themselves.

Nathan Ball, who holds a technical position in the theatre department with the help of a scholarship, believes the program is worthwhile.

"Anything under the sun is what I'm expected to know how to do," he said. "And if I don't, I'm taught,

and that's the whole point of going to college."

Scholarship recipients must sign a student assistant contract to be eligible. Students are required to maintain a 2.5 grade-point average and earn nothing lower than a "C" in a theatre course.

Students who fail to complete their duties will have their scholarship money cut. Fields said the strict standards the department sets for its student workers motivate them to perform well. □

### MOVIE REVIEW

## Popular '70s series back again in film

By WILLIAM GRUBBS  
STAFF WRITER

If you are a child of the '70s and miss wholesome family shows, your prayers have been answered. The Bradys are back.

The *Brady Bunch Movie* has put "far out" and "dreamy" back into the mouths of today's youth familiar only with the awkward clothing and hair styles found in cable reruns. However, Paramount Pictures has taken "The Brady Bunch" of yesterday and created a modernized version that has proven to be a box office hit.

Here's the story. *The Brady Bunch Movie* creates a new generation of Bradys. Carol, played by Shelley Long, is still the champion of all moms everywhere. She supports her husband, Mike, played by Gary Cole, without question and gives her children the best advice a mother could give.

The children are still the same. Marsha sees herself as the most beautiful girl, always after the "big man on campus." Her daily ritual of 5,000 brush strokes on her hair still takes place.

Jan, on the other hand, seems a bit more troubled in this movie. Let me just say, multiple personality disorder is in her future. The youngest girl, Cindy, can still be found trying to decide whether to tattle or not to tattle.

Greg, the groovy guy, sports some highly fashionable white bell-bottom jeans that hug in all the wrong places. Peter is having a little trouble with becoming a man, and Bobby really doesn't do anything.

I have never seen such an attempt to change the Bradys but at the same time keep them exactly the same. Confused? Here's the story. You had better be prepared for some outrageously obvious attempts at political correctness concerning homosexuality, safe sex, and infidelity.

All these, thrown in with bigger-than-life polyester, make for a must-see on the list of movies so far this year. □



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BODY ART

# Women getting tattoos outnumber men

By YICKI STEELE  
CITY NEWS EDITOR

Madonna, Roseanne, and Popeye are not the only personalities sporting tattoos these days.

Permanent tattoos are often considered skin art or body art by both the wearer and the artist who applies the "tatt."

"People often think of a stereotypical tattoo place as being dirty, but we want to change that reputation," said Michael Roland, co-owner of Body Accents. "Tattoos are evolving into more of an art form. We want to give the artists the credit and recognition they really deserve as artists."

Roland and his brother Theron own Body Accents at 1302 Virginia in Joplin.

The Rolands started with a temporary tattoo business on Joplin's Wall Street. They began doing permanent tattoos three years ago at the Virginia Street location.

Roland said cartoon characters such as Tweetie Bird and the Tasmanian Devil are popular. "Women like roses or Tweetie Bird," Roland said. "We probably do three women to every man that comes in here. The majority of women get small designs, called 'flash' in the trade."

Cosmetic tattoos are not done at Body Accents.

The Joplin Health Department requires tattoo operators and parlors to meet certain health code requirements.

"When I hire an artist I have that person tested for AIDS, tuberculosis, and communicable diseases,"

Roland said. "They go through a series of hepatitis shots."

Gail Reynolds, senior communications major at Missouri Southern, has three tattoos and plans on getting a fourth to celebrate her graduation from college.

"Most people get a tattoo to commemorate a special event," said Reynolds. "I got my first one because I was pregnant. It seems like every chic gets a butterfly or rose, but I wanted something different. I didn't want to be like everyone else."

Reynolds said her graduation tattoo will be a brown wolf coming out from behind a tree.

"To me it will mean coming out of the woods," she said. "I'll probably go to 'The Gypsy' to get that one done."

'The Gypsy' is the owner of Skin Art Creations in Baxter Springs, Kan.

Gypsy prefers not to reveal his legal name as he is well-known in this area by his pseudonym.

Gypsy said his business is steady.

"Business never drops off," he said. "People always want to get tattooed."

"The clientele changes but the desire to get a tattoo doesn't change."

Gypsy said the most expensive tattoo he created was a full back design costing \$10,400.

"The guy came in four hours a week for a year to get that one done," he said. "It was very intricate."

Most designs are completed in one sitting. Small "tatts" require 15-20 minutes to finish. □

## STICKY BUSINESS



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

Michael Roland, co-owner of Body Accents in Joplin, works on a tattoo design located on Brandy Miller's shin. Miller is from Golden City.

TOURISM

# Travel tips make spring break safe for globe-trotters

## Helpful hints for touring students on saving money, hotel security

By AILEEN GRONWOLD  
STAFF WRITER

Spring break conjures up visions of sand, surf, and sun to many winter-weary students.

A little planning and caution, however, are realities essential to a carefree travel fantasy.

Frank Cope, owner of Travel Planners, said it is becoming harder to find places that welcome students on spring break.

"I recommend a place that is actively seeking spring break students," he said.

Convenience and economy are two good reasons to consider package deals offered to specific locations.

If package deals aren't offered, travelers should make their own motel reservations to avoid extra costs. However, there are tricks to savvy shopping.

"Never accept the first rate you are offered," said Randall Hargis, director of sales at Holiday Inn.

"Shop around to find the best rate. Prices can often be negotiated."

He also recommends dealing directly with the motel, rather than booking reservations through a 1-800 service.

"The information they have [at a 1-800 service] is only as good as what's in the computer, and there is no way it can keep up with the changes," Hargis said. "If you don't have the motel phone number, call the 1-800 number to get it."

Security is a prime consideration in choosing a motel. Directories, such as AAA, often reveal security ratings. Room keys should be coded, rather than having the number stamped on them.

The front desk clerk should never state your room number out loud where it might be overheard by people nearby.

"It is best to stay at a place that has indoor corridors, because they are more easily monitored," Hargis said.

"If hotel staff do not wear uni-

forms and name tags, I recommend not staying there," he said. "Before you answer your door, you need some assurance that the person on the other side is a staff member."

Hargis recommends testing security after checking in by asking for an additional key at the front desk.

"If they don't ask to see some identification before giving you a key, security is probably lax," he said.

Additionally, valuables should never be left in the room. Most motels have a safe at the front desk, and many have in-room safes.

"In a resort area, the darker element will always be out," Hargis said. "People who prey on society are drawn to vacation areas because the pickings are better there."

Cope advises splitting luggage into two parts when flying. He rec-

ommends packing a carry-on bag that includes one change of clothes and any medications.

"It is a good idea to put a copy of



your itinerary inside the bags you check, in addition to the outside identification," he said.

He recommends carrying cash in

a place separate from your wallet or purse.

Receipts for traveler's checks also should be kept separate from the checks.

Security isn't the only issue travelers need to focus on. Dealing with traveling weariness can also be a concern.

"On long flights, drink a lot of water," Cope said. "Alcohol will exacerbate jet lag."

possible," Cope said. "The exchange rate is figured at the interbank rate, which is better." Travelers planning to rent a car should be aware that many car companies will not rent to people under 25.

"Make sure you understand your insurance coverage when you rent a car," Cope said. "Your health, auto, or homeowner's policies may already have you covered."

People planning to take their own cars, should make sure to:

- check or change oil
- check tire pressure, including spare
- check belts and hoses
- check fluids - water in radiator, automatic transmission fluid, brake fluid
- check wiper blades
- know how to operate jack
- carry tools and emergency provisions.

Cope cautioned students to remember that alcohol affects judgment. They should plan ahead for a designated driver or use public transportation.

"You can be wild and crazy without being insane," he said. □

HEALTH

# 'Tanning junkies' use indoor units, visit salons about 100 times a year

By YICKI STEELE  
CITY NEWS EDITOR

More than two million Americans a day utilize sun-tanning units from winter through spring, according to an article in the February 1995 *Dermatology Times*.

It said one million to two million Americans are "tanning junkies," visiting salons about 100 times a year.

Some debate exists between salon owners and dermatologists over the health and safety factors of artificial tanning equipment.

"We've never had any problems," said Bud Corner, owner of The Den in Webb City. "We control and regulate ours [tanning lights/beds] real close. Control tanning is better than uncon-

trolled tanning outside.

"A person should never tan more than once in 24 hours. A lot of women will run around to different salons in one day trying to get darker and darker, then get hurt that way."

Board-certified dermatologists Dr. Mark Matlock and Dr. Deborah McCloud said they are seeing more patients at a younger age with skin cancers. One of every three new cancers is a type of skin cancer, according to the Skin Cancer Foundation.

"The incidence of melanoma is increasing more rapidly than any other cases," McCloud said. "One percent of the population is developing this very fatal cancer."

There are three main forms of

skin cancer: basal cell, squamous cell, and malignant melanoma. Melanoma can be cured if it is detected and treated early.

"Tanning bed bulbs put out UVA (ultraviolet A) radiation, which penetrates deeper into the dermis and actually causes more damage than the sun," McCloud said. "There are increased incidents of cataracts, retinal damage, wrinkling, skin damage, and melanoma."

Matlock said an important contributing factor in the skin disease picture is the mentality that a person should get as much sun as possible because tans look healthy.

"I've seen young girls in their 20s and 30s who use tanning beds," he said. "They are extremely tanned but they have

premature wrinkles and they have skin cancers."

Corner said doctors probably know less about tanning beds than salon owners. He has been operating tanning beds for about 10 years.

"My recommendation is, if you are going to tan, inside control tanning is better for you," Corner said. "I like being tan. I think people look better with a tan."

"I think more people are spending time outside tanning and that is where the skin cancer is coming from."

Matlock said hard evidence is accumulating that tanning beds contribute to premature aging, wrinkling, and skin cancers.

"I think you'll see more legislation that will regulate tanning beds," Matlock said. □

## SUNNY SIDE UP



VICKI STEELE/The Chart

Heather Maxwell, employee of the Den Family Hair Center at 108 W. Broadway, Webb City, demonstrates an indoor tanning unit.



ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

# Bill could slash false lawsuits

By RYAN BRONSON  
MANAGING EDITOR

A House bill that would extend prison time and take money from inmates who file frivolous lawsuits could be approved and sent to the Senate by next week, according to Rep. Greg Canuteson (D-Liberty).

The idea for the bill originally came from Attorney General Jay Nixon, who said the legislation is designed to "hit these inmates where it hurts by penalizing them with more time in jail and less money in their pockets."

Under the proposal, an inmate who files a frivolous, or false, lawsuit would be given a monetary penalty of no more than half the inmate's total savings; or the inmate could have 60 days added to the inmate's earliest eligibility date for parole or conditional release as long as it does not exceed the inmate's maximum sentence.

Canuteson, sponsor of the bill, said it is more likely the punishment will be monetary.

"My guess is that it is expensive

to keep inmates in prison an additional amount of time," he said. "This bill is not just about malicious lawsuits. Even if you file a legitimate lawsuit, you can get in trouble if you get your prison buddies to come out and lie."

Canuteson said the legislation is not designed to discourage inmates from filing legitimate lawsuits.

"If a guy gets beat up by a guard or is not getting medicine that he needs, he should be able to file a lawsuit," he said. "This bill is designed to stop prisoners from harassing the state through lawsuits."

The attorney general's office has identified several inmates who are among the most prolific lawsuit filers in the state. One inmate, Melvin Leroy Tyler, has filed 220 lawsuits since 1969. Tyler is imprisoned as a result of a long list of felonies, including kidnapping, rape and other various felony crimes.

Anthony L. Harrington, a convicted drug dealer, is ninth on the list, but all 25 of his lawsuits have been filed since 1992. □

INSURANCE

# Fight against breast cancer: Coverage of treatments questioned

By RYAN BRONSON  
MANAGING EDITOR

State legislators are close to passing a bill that would make insurance companies cover extreme treatments for Missourians who have breast cancer.

The Senate voted yesterday in favor of the legislation, which could help pay for expensive treatments of breast cancer, a disease that is the leading cause of death among women between the ages of 35 and 54.

"Breast cancer is a disease in this country that is demanding the attention of everybody," said Nancy Davenport-Ennis, national director of legislative affairs for Response Technologies in Virginia.

A similar bill in the House passed an insurance committee by a 11-2 vote.

The legislation would mandate health insurance companies to provide coverage for high-dose chemotherapy, autologous bone marrow transplant, or stem cell transplant in women with adjuvant or metastatic breast cancer.

Women diagnosed with adjuvant breast cancer have a 60-85 percent chance of relapse if they have positive lymph nodes. Patients with node positive breast cancer also have a 50 percent chance of dying within 10 years after standard-dose chemotherapy.

According to theorists, high-dose chemotherapy could make 72 percent of patients with 10 or

more positive lymph nodes disease-free at a median 2.5-year follow up compared to just 38 percent with standard-dose chemotherapy. Only 4.8 percent of the 4,101 breast cancer patients in Missouri were classified as adjuvant in 1993.

A much larger number of

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Nancy Davenport-Ennis  
Response Technologies

patients could be affected by treatment of metastatic breast cancer, the stage when the disease has spread beyond the breast and lymph nodes. Over the past 10 years, 22 percent of approximately 41,000 Missouri

breast cancer patients have been eventually diagnosed with metastatic breast cancer.

Just 2 percent of women treated with conventional techniques become disease-free within five years after being diagnosed with metastatic breast cancer.

Just 30 percent of adjuvant breast cancer patients become disease-free after five years.

A study done by the Duke Bone Marrow Transplant Program showed that increases in therapy would increase the survival rates of women with metastatic cancer to 15-20 percent and the survival rate for women with adjuvant cancer to 72 percent.

Sen. Wayne Goode (D-St. Louis County) is the sponsor of the Senate bill.

"About half of the insurance companies in the state cover this type of treatment," Goode said. "Blue Cross in St. Louis doesn't cover it, but Blue Cross in Kansas City does."

Goode said some insurance companies question whether the treatments are effective.

"Part of this applies to women who essentially have a 100 percent death rate," he said. "This treatment can save a significant number of lives."

Davenport-Ennis said the legislation is an important measure in fighting against breast cancer.

"Really, this is not just a women's issue. This is a family issue," she said. "Imagine a 35-year-old mother being snatched away from her family." □

## ATTORNEY GENERAL JAY NIXON'S TOP 10 FRIVOLOUS INMATE LAWSUITS

Missouri Attorney General Jay Nixon has compiled his list of the most frivolous lawsuits filed by Missouri prisoners who claim their constitutional rights have been violated:

- 10 Prisoners should be served butter, not just margarine, with meals (*Mitchell v. Moore*)
- 9 Inmates working in prison law library should be paid same rate as attorneys (*Beverly v. Groose*)
- 8 Cost of junk food in prison commissary too high (*Moore v. Bosley*)
- 7 Limit on refills of Kool-Aid is "cruel and unusual punishment" (*Foster v. Delo*)
- 6 Nicotine patches not provided free to inmates (*McConnell v. Schoener*)
- 5 Inmates should be given sitdown service at restaurants when traveling from prison to courthouse (*Foster v. Delo*)
- 4 State should provide convicted murderer with ax to build sweat lodge (*Hamilton v. Schiro*)
- 3 Inmates not paid \$26 a day in food allowance when traveling from prison to courthouse (*Foster v. Delo*)
- 2 Buchanan County jail too easy to escape from (*Hodges v. Galt*)
- 1 No salad bars and brunches on weekends and holidays (*Tyler v. Camahan*)

Source: Missouri Office of the Attorney General



RYAN BRONSON/The Chart

## IT'S COLD!

Construction workers labored diligently yesterday, cleaning around the Christian Mahan House in Jefferson City. The cold temperatures had more effect on the wardrobe than the working pace.

## AND I HURT

HIGHER EDUCATION

# State may grant Northeast name change in 1996

By RYAN BRONSON  
MANAGING EDITOR

Northeast Missouri State University President Jack Magruder lobbied Tuesday for a Senate bill that would allow NMSU to change its name to Truman University.

Northeast, which was made the statewide liberal arts and sciences university in 1986, has suffered through misconceptions that it is still a regional college because of its name, according to Magruder.

"We do believe that the Truman University name will help us a few years out in securing resources, especially from the private sector," Magruder said. "Often we've been told 'We don't fund regional universities,' yet we are by law a statewide institution. We are not regional, yet the name does apply when you say 'Northeast.'"

A similar bill in the House was mashed together with several other bills, including Missouri Southern's mission bill, because the House education committee is only allowed to submit a limited number of bills.

Magruder said the bill would have a better chance on its own because it doesn't require any state funding.

"We'd sure like our bill [in the Senate] to come out alone," he said. "We have found very little opposition to our bill, but if it's coupled with anything, we'll pick up all the opposition to whatever that is at that point."

Sen. Joe Maxwell (D-Mexico), sponsor of the Senate bill, said it shouldn't have any problems getting through the upper house.

"Northeast has truly reached the level of a statewide institution," Maxwell said. "The final chapter is to take the regional name and change it. Truman University was the name that came up the most often."

Magruder said the name change would not cost a large sum of money and that the funding would come from the private sector.

"We will not spend tuition dollars or state tax dollars for this change," he said.

Northeast would have to change its signs, publications, stationery, and uniforms.

"One thing we've been criticized about

for years is our lack of signs on campus," Magruder said. "There are really only two signs on campus."

If the bill is approved, the university would officially change its name July 1, 1996.

Magruder said he strongly supports the idea of statewide missions for Missouri's others colleges.

"Our view is that the state of Missouri should have a holistic view of higher education in which all institutions play a crucial and important role."

Since Northeast received its statewide mission, the highly selective university has made some massive improvements. The average ACT score for its students has risen to 26 from 22, and the average class rank has gone from a 60 percent average to 87 percent. Forty percent of Northeast's graduates move immediately to graduate and professional school.

"Students have been applying in great numbers," Magruder said. "We select the most qualified applicants. It's a great opportunity for students of Missouri to come to Northeast. It's a challenging environment yet nurturing." □

## Magruder now permanent

Dr. Jack Magruder, president of Northeast Missouri State University, has accepted a new contract to continue serving in his current capacity.

Northeast's Board of Governors named Magruder president in April 1994 under the auspices that he would serve in an interim role for a maximum of two years with the Board beginning a national search shortly after the conclusion of the visit of the national accrediting agency, the North Central Association of Schools and Colleges, Feb. 20-22.

"Since that time, this Board has come to recognize the enormous skills Dr. Magruder has to lead this university, and in turn, he has grown to discover that he is well suited for this position and truly enjoys the challenges of the office," Board President Thomas Shrout said.

The Board concluded that a national search, which could take up to a year to complete, would not produce a more qualified candidate.

"Over the last 60 days it became clear to me that there was a sentiment among the Board members to retain Dr. Magruder as president," Shrout said. □

## HIGHER EDUCATION BRIEFS

### SEMO establishes language internships

Southeast Missouri State University's foreign languages department says it is breaking new ground with the establishment of internships for its students.

"We are the first foreign languages department in the state having students in internships," said Dr. Dieter Jedan, department chair. "At Southeast, we are breaking with tradition."

"It used to be that teaching was the only option for foreign language students. Now there are so many fields open to them, including broadcasting and business. In the era of NAFTA and a global economy, every company needs foreign language students."

Launching the foreign language internship program "is a great opportunity to break into a whole new market," Jedan said.

Alyson Fritz, a senior German and political science double major at Southeast, is working eight hours a week with Sanders Enterprises, Inc., a plastic recycling manufacturer in Cape Girardeau. When the semester is completed, Fritz will have worked 160 hours and earned three credit hours.

Jedan anticipates more foreign language internships to be added.

"We think this region is internationally minded," he said, adding that nearly 100 companies in the region could be well served by foreign language interns. "Just here in Cape Girardeau, there are about 15 companies that are foreign-owned or do business overseas." □

### Central adds soccer program for women

Central Missouri State University will add women's soccer to its intercollegiate athletics program beginning next fall.

According to Jerry Hughes, athletic director, the soccer program will operate on a limited budget with no scholarships and a volunteer coach. The team will play its home games at Vernon Kennedy Field.

CMSU will become the fifth school in the MIAA to offer women's soccer, joining Missouri-St. Louis, Missouri-Rolla, Northeast Missouri, and Southwest Baptist. The MIAA requires a minimum of six schools competing to conduct a league championship in a sport.

The addition of women's soccer marks the first change in CMSU's intercollegiate athletics offerings since the men's and women's tennis programs were discontinued in 1992. With the start of the soccer program next fall, CMSU will offer a total of 13 intercollegiate sports. □

### Rev. Jackson to be at Southwest March 14

The Rev. Jessie Jackson will be on the Southwest Missouri State University campus on Tuesday, March 14.

The student activities council is presenting Jackson and his visit as the final event and highlight of the African American Heritage Month celebration at SMSU. Jackson will speak at 7:30 p.m. in the Juanita K. Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts.

Tickets are free for SMSU students and \$5 for the public. For more information, persons may contact the Hammons Hall box office at 417-836-6782. □

### Western phonathon kicks off Sunday

Missouri Western State College will try to raise \$120,000 through its Annual Fund phonathon, which kicks off Sunday and ends April 6.

The purpose of the Annual Fund is to raise money for student scholarships and alumni services. In addition to more than \$70,000 in departmental and affiliated scholarships, the alumni association last year awarded 21 scholarships to students through funds generated by the phonathon. □



**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

# Sisson No. 11 all-time

By RICK ROGERS  
SPORTS EDITOR

Senior forward Terrance Sisson carved his way into the Missouri Southern record book after Saturday night's 93-90 victory over Emporia State, which ended the Lions' three-game losing streak.

Sisson's 39-point performance against the Hornets gave him a season scoring average of 24.5 points per game, second best on Southern's all-time list. The junior college transfer also scored 980 points in his two seasons, putting him 11th among Southern's career scoring leaders.

But the big news for Sisson was his 20.9 career scoring average, making him the first Southern basketball player to post a career average greater than 20 points.

"He has had two very good years here," head coach Robert Corn said. "I think he had a great senior year. The fact that he has the leading average score shows he did a terrific job for us. He was pretty much automatic inside, because he shot more than 60 percent from the field."

Southern finished 11-15 overall and 6-10 in the conference, missing the MIAA post-season tournament for the second straight year. Corn said the Lions' tough conference and non-conference schedule burdened his squad.

"Certainly 11-15 is not where we would like to be," he said. "We would like to be back where we were a few years ago when we were fighting for the conference championship."

"I thought this group hung tough, but we went through some adversities. Anytime you go through adversity you can do one of two things, pull apart or pull together. I thought for the most part we pulled together."

Corn said he was happy to have his seniors leave the program with a win.

"It's tremendous anytime you end your season with a victory," he said. "I think it was important for our four graduating players to end their season on such a positive note."

Corn said his outlook for next season was a bright one, but the talents of the graduating players will be missed.

"You are always disappointed to see your senior players leave, but yet you are excited for them because they are going into an exciting area of their lives," Corn said. "I feel good about our team for next year. We are having a very good recruiting year and I expect to have Missouri Southern basketball where it was a couple years ago." □

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

# Lady Lions advance in MIAA



Senior center Karen Loewe's eight points in the first half led to a 42-27 lead during Tuesday's MIAA playoff match-up at Young Gymnasium.

## Southern journeys to semi-finals against No. 3 Washburn with win

By NICK PARKER  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Sweet revenge came quickly for the Lady Lions Tuesday night as they defeated Central Missouri State 88-64 in the first round of the MIAA post-season tournament.

The Lady Lions were looking for revenge after last week's 54-44 loss to CMSU which knocked them from second place to sixth in the regional rankings.

Missouri Southern, now 20-7, came out strong and jumped to a 15-10 lead with 14:09 remaining in the first half. The Lady Lions led 42-27 at halftime.

Senior forward Karen Loewe said playing at home and the revenge factor helped to keep emotions high during the game.

"We were second in our region and our loss to them on Wednesday dropped us clear to sixth, and we weren't too happy about that," Loewe said. "We need this whole week to get back up in our region."

Southern led the game from start to finish. Sonya Harlin, senior guard, started the game with a lay-up eight seconds after tip-off.

Harlin's 17-point contribution pushed her over 1,000 career points. The junior college transfer now has 1,012 points as a Lady Lion.

"Right now I'm just happy about the win," Harlin said. "I haven't really even thought about the 1,000 points. I'm just happy that we won this game."

"I want to go out Thursday and play hard like we did tonight, and help them (Lady Lions) to win and get a chance to play Western again on Saturday."

Head coach Scott Ballard was not surprised by Harlin's achievements.

"That's quite an accomplishment; I think she is the first junior college player who has achieved that level in two years," Ballard said. "It's not a surprise; she is very talented. I thought it was a real tribute to her."

"In the first half she was being patient, waiting for the game to come to her because she knows that she'll get the ball, if we give it to her. She is very capable of getting the easy shot, getting the shot off the dribble, driving to the basket, or shooting the 3. She is not one- or two-dimensional in her offense."

Tuesday night was the first time the Lady Lions turned to a 2-3 zone defense.

"We practiced that yesterday (Monday) for a long time," Loewe said. "Coach made the comment that he hoped we didn't like that zone too well, because we started to depend on it too much, but it worked."

Junior guards Melissa Grider and Teresa McLaury scored 20 and 15 points, respectively.

Southern will play Washburn, 22-5, at 7 p.m. today in Young Gymnasium in the second round of the MIAA tournament. Washburn beat the University of Missouri-Rolla 80-69 Tuesday night.

Missouri Western defeated Emporia State 80-69 and Pittsburg State won 84-79 over Southwest Baptist on Tuesday night.

Western, 25-2, plays PSU, 22-5, at 7 p.m. today in St. Joseph. □

**TRACK & FIELD**

# Squads finish sixth at indoor finale

## Pittsburg State grabs first-place finish as Southern drops to middle of pack

By RICK ROGERS  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Missouri Southern track and field squads found themselves trapped in the middle of the pack after Saturday's MIAA indoor championships in Warrensburg.

Behind the confidence of five upperclassmen, the Lions managed to sneak into sixth place in the overall team rankings. Pittsburg State held the No. 1 position in the nine-team field.

Last season, the Lions finished second in the conference indoor championships and placed first in seven of 15 events. Head coach Tom Rutledge said the reason for the drop-off this season is because of a lack of depth.

"Last year we had two people per event," he said. "The upperclassmen performed well, but they can't carry the team themselves. We anticipated a fifth- or sixth-place finish due to our lack of experience."

Rutledge said besides the performance of his upperclassmen, inexperience was the major reason for his squad's mediocre showing.

"Some people ran really well, but some people ran like freshmen," he said. "The problem is they are freshmen. They don't quite believe in their training yet and they don't quite believe in themselves."

A highlight in the Lions' indoor season was the four members who made qualifying provisional times for the national indoor meet,

which will consist of both NCAA Division I and II runners. Sophomore Paul Baker, sophomore James Thrash, junior Albert Bland, and sophomore Charles Etolue all have landed qualifying times to compete at nationals in Indianapolis.

In Warrensburg, Bland placed third with a long jump of 23 feet and 5 1/4 inches. Senior Scott Tarnowiecki placed fifth with a triple jump of 44 feet and 8 3/4 inches, and junior David Groves placed third in the pole vault with a jump of 14 feet and 11 1/2 inches. Baker also placed second in the 600-meter with a time of 1:12.77.

The Lady Lions also found themselves in sixth place in the MIAA with 27 points, just one point behind Emporia State.

Lady Lion senior Tongula Walker broke the MIAA indoor champi-

onship meet record with a triple jump of 40 feet and 7 inches, her career best.

Besides capturing a new conference record, Walker finished second in the long jump and fourth in the 200-meter.

Women's head coach Patty Vavra said Walker is a true competitor.

"She (Walker) has progressively gotten better," Vavra said. "In every event she participated in she was really fresh. She worked extremely hard, and when a big competition rolls around that is when she will be her best."

Freshman runner Dalana Lofland placed in three categories, including a fifth-place showing in the 400-meter with a time of 1:00.37.

Southern will open its outdoor season on March 31 in the PSU Relays. □

# SOUTHERN SCOREBOARD

**THIS WEEK'S EVENTS**

**Lady Lions Basketball**  
Tonight—Washburn at Southern  
7 p.m.

**Lions Baseball**  
March 5-11—Larry Hickey Classic

**Lady Lions Softball**  
Tomorrow—University of Central  
Saturday Oklahoma Tournament

**Tennis**  
Tomorrow—SBU at Southern 11 a.m.  
Saturday—Rockhurst at Southern  
10 a.m.

**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

Final 1995  
Conference Standings

	Con.	Overall
1. Missouri Western	12-3	23-3
2. Washburn	12-3	20-6
3. Northwest Missouri	12-4	16-9
4. Central Missouri	11-5	20-6
5. Pittsburg State	9-7	13-12
6. Southwest Baptist	8-8	17-11
7. Missouri-St. Louis	8-8	14-12
8. Northwest Missouri	7-9	13-12
9. Missouri Southern	6-10	11-15
10. Emporia State	4-12	6-19
11. Lincoln	3-13	6-21
12. Missouri-Rolla	2-14	10-18

**Lions Stats**

Player	PPG	FG%
Sisson	24.5	589
Shorter	13.7	453
Harlin	9.4	358
Farmer	9.4	497
Henderson	9.2	366
Smith	6.4	338
Ray	5.4	338
Rath	1.9	422
Hinds	1.8	500

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

Final 1995  
Conference Standings

	Con.	Overall
1. Missouri Western	15-1	24-2
2. Missouri Southern	13-3	19-7
3. Washburn	13-3	21-5
4. Pittsburg State	11-5	21-5
5. Southwest Baptist	10-6	18-7
6. Missouri-Rolla	8-7	15-11
7. Central Missouri	8-8	11-14
8. Emporia State	5-11	6-17
9. Northwest Missouri	5-11	11-15
10. Northwest Missouri	4-12	7-19
11. Missouri-St. Louis	2-14	7-19
12. Lincoln	1-15	7-19

**Lady Lions Stats**

Player	PPG	FG%
Harlin	17.6	363
Grider	14.0	388
Loewe	12.7	492
Beckley	8.3	587
Shaw	7.3	452
Cunningham	5.6	370
McLaury	5.9	357
Cornstock	3.7	357
Hocker	0.3	080

**INTRAMURALS**

**—Co-ed Softball**

Deadline: March 10  
Rules meeting: March 20

**—Swim Meet**

Sign up begins: March 8  
Deadline: March 29  
Meet begins: 3 p.m. April 5

**—4 on 4 Volleyball**

Sign-up begins: March 20  
Deadline: April 29  
Play begins: 10:30 p.m. April 7

**—Basketball League**

(First place as of March 1)

**Women's:**

1. The Screwed

**Men's yellow:**

1. The Untouchables

**Men's green:**

1. The Bombers

**Men's red:**

1. The Parkers

**Men's blue:**

1. The Keg Buffaloes

**SPORTS COLUMN**

# Inconsistency key in Lions' sub-par year

With the men's basketball season now filed away as a part of Missouri Southern history, I think it's time to



**RICK ROGERS**

take a look at the positives and negatives of the recently completed season.

**Positive: Two words—Terrance Sisson.**

Sisson was the major reason the Lions happened to

win 11 games this season. Sisson averaged 24.5 points per game, ranked second in the MIAA in scoring, and was the high scorer in 11 of the Lions' 26 games. He scored more than 30 points six times, and will leave as Southern's 11th-leading career scorer in less than two complete seasons of action.

**Negative: Losing junior point guard Eddie Reece at the break.**

Reece dismissed himself from the program after Southern played Southern Illinois-Carbondale on Dec. 22 to take care of personal problems at home. Reece, averaging 14.3 points, supplied more offensive firepower than senior guard Kyle Hardin, who replaced him in the starting lineup. Reece, a three-point threat, would have taken more of the scoring load off Sisson's shoulders.

**Positive: The Junior Transfers.**

The trio of center Eric Farmer, forward Kevin Shorter, and guard Vince Smith brought three totally different aspects of the game to Southern. Farmer gave the Lions a tough guy under the boards. As the season progressed, his confidence grew as he found a spot in the starting lineup.

Shorter was the offensive spark the Lions desperately needed. When Sisson wasn't leading the Lions in points scored, Shorter was. Shorter is the type of player who lives for the spotlight. His flashy one-handed dunks and long-range 3s gave the Lions some much-needed scoring punch.

Smith, on the other hand, is the silent one. He takes care of business—the business of shooting 3s. Smith was the Lions' go-to guy when they needed a clutch 3-pointer. Smith and Shorter tied for the team lead in 3s with 35, but Smith's percentage was better (.347 to .299).

**Negative: Inconsistency.**

This season the Lions had an incurable case of the Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde syndrome. At times they would show signs of life and come away with big wins over Missouri Western (111-106 in OT), Central Arkansas (89-87 in OT), and Northwest Missouri (101-86). But then Southern would do an about-face and lose to Emporia State (83-79) and Pittsburg State twice (85-80 and 80-72) while taking cellar-dwelling Lincoln University into overtime before escaping with an 86-83 home victory.

**Positive: The victory over Missouri Western.**

On Jan. 11, the Griffons were ranked fourth in NCAA Division II and came into Young Gymnasium with only one loss. But after Hardin nailed a 3-pointer to send the game into overtime, Southern pulled a 111-106 victory out of its hat.

Missouri Western was shocked, the fans were shocked, and I was so shocked I had to pinch myself to make sure I wasn't dreaming.

Not many teams can say they have beaten Missouri Western, but the Lions are one of them.

**Negative: Southern's final records: 6-10 in the MIAA and 11-15 overall.**

**Positive: Wait until next year. □**

*Rick Rogers*



# GETTING IN THE SWING OF THINGS

□ A preseason outlook at the Lady Lions' softball and tennis teams and the Lions' golf squad.



A member of last fall's tennis team prepares to hit a return over the net during a match against Drury College.

## SOFTBALL

## Pitching, offense main powers going into opener

Preseason poll ranks Southern 15th among national powers

By RICK ROGERS  
SPORTS EDITOR

Entering opening day with a national ranking under their belts is a situation the Lady Lions have become accustomed to.

Southern opens its 1995 season tomorrow ranked 15th in the nation and third in the region behind Central Missouri State and Wayne State (Mich.). The Lady Lions will battle South Dakota at the Central Oklahoma University tournament.

"The way we handle preseason polls is that we would like to maintain that spot or move higher," said head coach Pat Lipira, who enters her 14th season at Southern with a 426-191 record (.690).

Returning from last year's squad are two members of the Lady Lions' pitching staff, a staff which posted a 42-16 record. Senior Andrea Clarke, a key ingredient during Southern's 1992 NCAA Division II national championship season, will return to the mound

after posting a 15-8 record and a 1.26 earned run average last year.

"She worked hard and made a commitment to go out in 1995 feeling good about her performance,"

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*I'm looking for a lot of offense to produce a lot of runs. We have strong returning players, and the newcomers are all swinging real good bats.*

Pat Lipira  
Head softball coach

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Lipira said. "She wasn't pleased with last season, and she worked really hard in our scrimmages. Her best pitch is easily her drop ball."

The second half of Southern's pitching tandem is sophomore Holly Trantham, who posted a 7-4 mark and team-leading 1.24 ERA in 1994. Lipira said Trantham will see more action this season with the Lady Lions having only two hurlers on their staff.

"Holly is young; she had a great freshman season," Lipira said. "She ended really strong last season, and this year I expect her to have to throw a lot more. We'll go into a doubleheader and they will see Andrea and then Holly, who throws a good rise ball, so I think you will see a good blend there with those two pitchers."

Returning are senior first baseman Shelly Lundien, junior utility man Melissa Grider, junior catcher Ginger Daniel, and junior shortstop April Buczinski. All four batted over 300 last season for Southern.

Two-sport standout Grider will join the softball team after she finishes her season on the basketball squad. Even though Grider missed half of last season, she led the Lady Lions with a .364 mark.

Defensively, Lipira said Southern will be strong on the corners, but youth in the middle of the infield could pose problems early in the season.

"We should be pretty solid defensively with Shelly returning at first base and at third base with Shari Heider returning, so we have two solid infielders at the corners," Lipira said. "We are still young up the middle, but they have real good work ethics and they are working well together."

In the outfield Lipira will be starting all new faces, except Grider, but she said the players do not lack experience.

"We have two new junior college transfers who already have experience from great jocos; Crowder and Northeastern Oklahoma," Lipira said. "We really have some new faces in the outfield." □

## THINK FAST



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

Sophomore pitcher Holly Trantham has an easy day of practice inside Young Gymnasium. Cold weather forced the team indoors.

## GOLF

## Lions hope to land in MIAA's top 3

Clay said returners Holt, Mickey will lead Lions' charge at Hyatt Bearcreek Classic

By RICK ROGERS  
SPORTS EDITOR

After watching Missouri Southern's golf team place sixth in the MIAA tournament last fall, head coach Larry Clay hopes his group can wedge the Lions into this spring's top three.

With all 10 members of the squad returning from the fall tour, Clay said his group has the ability

to contend with conference powers Central Missouri State and Pittsburg State.

"We finished sixth in the fall, but I think we'll do a lot better in the spring," he said. "It seems with every tournament the guys gain confidence in their ability to perform."

Returning to represent the Lions on the links are juniors Heath Holt, Scott Smith, Shane Catron, Shane Cowger, and Eric Call; sophomores Chris Mitchell, Jack Pew, and Kevin Walker; and freshmen Jason Mickey and Todd Pefferman. The Lions also picked up Eric Bartlesmeyer, a sophomore transfer expected to be a key member.

Clay said Holt, considered one of the top five golfers in the MIAA,

and Mickey were the backbone of the Lions during Southern's fall season, but said he expects his squad as a whole to improve during the spring.

"He (Holt) has played better every semester since I have been coach," Clay said. "He is learning about his abilities as a golfer and gaining confidence through experience. The freshmen and sophomores will also get better with more experience."

Besides conference powers PSU and CMSU, the Lions will have to contend with Northeast Missouri State and Washburn as well.

"I would be tickled to death to finish fourth or fifth in the MIAA conference," Clay said. "I would really love to say we would finish first, but you have to be realistic."

Larry Clay  
Head golf coach

first, but you have to be realistic."

Southern opens its spring season in Dallas, Texas, March 20-21 at the Hyatt Bearcreek Classic.

The Lions will travel to Warrensburg on March 25-26 to take part in the Mule Classic.

Southern will participate in the Central Oklahoma Invitational at Edmond, Okla., on April 3-4 and then compete in the Missouri-St. Louis tournament on April 8-9. □



FILE PHOTO

Sophomore Jack Pew swings through a chip shot at a Lions' practice.

## TENNIS

## Inexperience key hurdle for both coach, players

By NICK PARKER  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Gaining experience is the goal for both head coach Jill Fisher and the tennis Lady Lions.

Fisher will begin her career at Missouri Southern tomorrow when the team opens its 1995 spring season with an 11 a.m. home match against Southwest Baptist University.

"The main goal is to get some experience, because I'll have all of my players back for next year," Fisher said. "We have a tough conference schedule, but we have some non-conference matches mixed in."

Southern is looking to fill the shoes of five letter winners from last year's spring squad that finished 9-6 under Georgina Bodine.

Fisher will look to junior Wendy Alloway to lead a young and inexperienced team. Alloway is a transfer from Labette (Kan.) Community College.

"My team is young; we'll try to get some experience," Fisher said. "I've got four freshmen, two sophomores, and one junior. I've only got three girls who have ever even played a college match before."

"Wendy will play No. 1 singles and No. 1 doubles with sophomore Holly Hammett."

Fisher said the key for the Lady Lions this season will be "staying mentally tough and staying in the fight."

Southern's starting singles ladder puts Hammett behind Alloway. Freshman Becky Blackwell, sophomore Amy Lawson, freshman Jaime Dill, and freshman Calli Frye finish out the lineup.

The Lady Lions' doubles teams are Alloway and Hammett, Dill and Blackwell, and Lawson and freshman Codi Berry.

Fisher expects her team to fare well against SBU tomorrow morning.

"We beat them last year by one match, and I've heard that they got two really good players in to take over the one and two spots," she said. "They are going to be tough, but I think we can beat them in the lower spots."

"We've gone to a new scoring system—a seven-point scoring system. You have to win two out of three doubles and you get one point. I feel like doubles is one of our strong points, so that new scoring system could hurt us."

Southern will host Rockhurst College at 10 a.m. Saturday and Northeastern (Okla.) State University at 2:30 p.m. Monday.

Alloway will get a chance to play her former teammates at Labette Community College, in Parsons, Kan., Wednesday.

The Lady Lions will travel to Hilton Head, S.C., during spring break, March 12-15.

They will play Peace Junior College and Queens College on March 12, David Lipscomb University on March 14, and Morehead State University on March 15. □



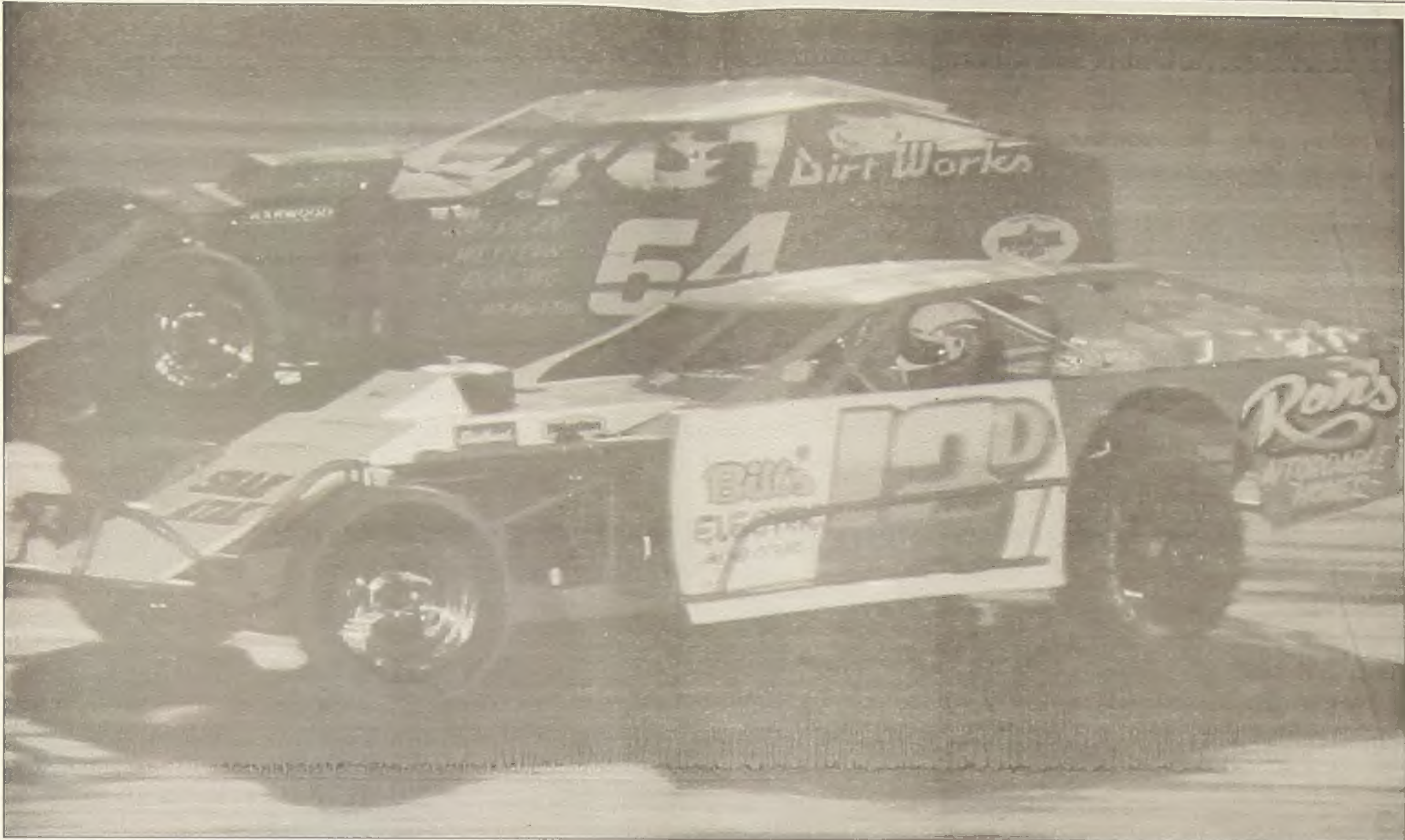


Photo courtesy of Mick Bennett

Scott Drake, driver of car 120, races by Jerry Hoffman's car 64, at the 66 Speedway on July 9, 1994. Drake, 23, began his racing career in 1989. He competes nationally and has won numerous trophies and plaques.



VICKI STEELE/The Chart

Spectators turned out at the Northpark Mall, Feb. 25-26, for the 66 Speedway Car Show sponsored by KAT 102.5. All five classes of race cars were represented among the 45 cars on display, including a sprint car.

# START your ENGINES

By TONYA PRINCE  
STAFF WRITER

Ladies Classic, a new division, opens this year at the Joplin Speedway.

Micki Bennett, wife of Brian Bennett, last year's modified stock division winner, has had a life-long interest in racing.

"It began when I watched my granddad race when I was 2 or 3," she said.

Opening night is March 11 with six divisions scheduled. Super stock and factory stock division are "cars off the street."

"They should be as close to stock as possible," said Mike Sweeton, track announcer.

The modified division is for cars with open-front wheels. These are a combination of half stock and half production.

The late model and limited late models are cars completely fabricated by manufacturers.

"These are built from the ground up," Sweeton said.

Due to complaints, noise levels produced by cars will be reduced this year at Joplin 66 Speedway. Mufflers are required, and should a muffler disengage during a race the driver will be disqualified. Cars must meet 90 decibels at a distance of 100 feet.

"There is always a lot of excitement on opening night, because everybody has been down since November," Sweeton said, "and they are ready to race."

"They have worked all winter on their cars, and they want to get them out there and see what they will do."

The MLRA Route 66 Showdown pays \$25,000 to the winner, and the total purse is more than \$160,000.

The American Sprint Car Series pays \$10,000 to the winner, and the total purse is in excess of \$60,000.

This year a check will be given for the Pennzoil points program. Drivers accumulate points throughout the season which determine champions.

"Everybody really tries for the points championship," Sweeton said.

"That is the deal that means a whole lot to them. Pennzoil gives them a nice jacket and a big trophy." □



Photo courtesy of Mick Bennett

Drake, car 120, takes the turn at the 66 Speedway in the summer of 1994. He races about four nights a week here and plans to race nationally.



VICKI STEELE/The Chart

Justin Routledge, 7, took the wheel of stock car 76, owned by racer David Keller. Car 76 was at the 66 Speedway car show last weekend.